



27th March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardians,

As many of you will know, in February 2023, Follifoot CE Primary School was inspected by Ofsted in a two-day graded inspection. This was the first inspection to take place since the significant changes made to the Ofsted framework in September 2022. Since the role parents play in our children's education is so important, we are writing to share the main findings with you.

The inspection looked at these key areas:

- Quality of Education
- Leadership and management
- Behaviour and attitudes
- Personal development
- Early Years provision.

The overall rating of the school by Ofsted is 'Requiring Improvement'. In particular, it expects the school to develop and embed the curriculum for all children to improve the overall Quality of Education. The report is thorough and its recommendations will help speed planned improvements already being progressed by the excellent team at Follifoot and across our Federation.

We are so pleased that the report contains lots of positive feedback about the many strengths of the school.

The report highlights that Pupils' aspirations are fostered well by leaders. Leaders have high expectations for every pupil to be successful. Older pupils value the opportunity to contribute to the life of the school through a range of different leadership roles, such as worship and play leaders. Leadership and Management, Behaviour and attitudes, Personal Development and Early Years provision have all been graded '**good**' in the findings.

A snapshot of some of the positive comments included are outlined below:

- Follifoot Church of England Primary School is a welcoming place.
- Pupils' love of reading is fostered well from the reception class to Year 6.

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- The curriculum for personal, social and health education has been carefully designed to ensure pupils learn important content at the right time.
- New leaders have a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses. They have made improvements in a short space of time.

As outlined in the report, the school, governors, local authority and diocese are committed to school improvement. We believe that we are quickly moving closer to the goal of a 'Good' judgment from Ofsted. Much of the work around the curriculum is already in place, it now needs to be embedded. The school embraces regular monitoring and support from a range of experts from different settings including the Phonics and English Hub, Maths Hub and SEND Hub and at the time of the inspection we had already begun to plan our transition activities for our children moving from Reception into year 1 in September 2023.

The report will be available on the Ofsted website in the near future and we attach a copy for your information. There will be the opportunity for parents to meet with Mrs Holland and members of our Governors Body on Thursday 30th March at 5.30pm should parents wish to ask any questions.

We thank you for your ongoing support. Together, our children will love, learn and thrive.

Yours Sincerely,

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