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Dear Parents

I am thrilled to be able to share with you the final Ofsted Inspection report for St Michael’s C of E Academy. This was our first inspection as a new school and I am beyond proud of the report which gives external validation of what we as a school family already knew; that together we have created a school that supports all our children to grow and flourish.

The firm foundations that we have achieved since opening with EYFS, and over the last 3 years with our Key Stage 1 classes, will now hold us in good stead as we look towards our first Key Stage 2 class in September and with this the opportunity to develop further our curriculum from Nursery to Year 3.

We are all so proud of all the children who, as always, shone brightly throughout the inspection showcasing what a wonderful school community they really are. The report comments on the children’s ‘exemplary’ behaviour and that they are ‘kind, thoughtful and respectful’. Full credit must go to our wonderful children for always being so keen to learn and for the happy, positive engagement in learning we see every day, as well as the strong relationships they have with each other as they play and learn together.

The inspectors recognised the ambitious vision that starts in Reception and Nursery with the strong start in Early Years being commended, including the high quality interactions and close relationships that support the children to be happy and confident as they start school. These relationships continue throughout the school and I am particularly proud that the inspectors talked about St Michael’s being an inclusive school where all staff know all the children well, the inspector commented on the warm relationships that are tangible to see in every interaction.

I am so proud of our fabulous team, every staff member plays a key role in supporting the children and this is evident in the relationships and the enjoyment children have in school, as well as the progress being made by all children. It was wonderful to hear the teacher’s talk so passionately about teaching and learning and of the curriculum areas that they lead, we are lucky to have such an experienced team who work tirelessly to ensure the children get the very best in all areas of learning.

Thank you for your overwhelming support and positive comments, both during the inspection and every day. The inspectors could see that parent relationships are important to us and that we nurture these relationships throughout the child’s time in school.

Please enjoy reading the report and if you have any questions or queries or would like some further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Mrs Edwards

Head of Academy