

# Langley Fitzurse

## Church of England Primary School

Middle Common, Kington Langley, Wiltshire SN15 5NN

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Karen Winterburn

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

After several weeks of waiting patiently over the summer break, we are delighted that we can now share with you the outcome of our recent full Ofsted inspection. Since our last inspection in 2018, Langley Fitzurse CoE Primary School proudly continues to be judged with an Overall Effectiveness as **Good**.

With this letter a copy of the Ofsted report is included. The report itself is concise with a strict word limit (in comparison to the amount of evidence gathered), but it succinctly summarises many of the positive aspects of school life and reinforces our ethos: Amaze, Excite and Inspire.

We do hope you enjoy reading the full report; and you proudly feel it accurately reflects the experiences of your child(ren) at our school.

The two-day full graded inspection conducted in July comprised of talking directly to staff, pupils, parents and members of the leadership team; as well as observing lessons, extra-curricular activities and wraparound care provision across all year groups. Deep dives in three subject areas were also assessed: early reading, mathematics and music. For each deep dive, inspectors rigorously scrutinised the curriculum including how it is being implemented and how well pupils are learning it. In addition, the inspectors carried out a thorough inspection of our approach to safeguarding, our provision for pupils with special educational needs (SEND) and our personal development curriculum.

The Ofsted report captures and centres on the positive attitudes of our wonderful pupils:

"Pupils at the school are happy, well behaved and well-cared for" and "Pupils know that they can learn from mistakes."

We are also very encouraged that the inspectors recognised our efforts to develop our pupils from an early age, offering a robust and diverse curriculum with an extensive range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities:

"Strong foundations are laid when children join in Reception class."

"The curriculum at the school is broad and ambitious. Most pupils achieve well."

"Pupils' broader development is embedded into school life. The school ensures that every pupil takes part in a range of extra-curricular activities."

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These observations are testament to the dedication of our wonderful staff and leadership team; their expertise, work ethic and positive approach are deservedly acknowledged by inspectors who praise staff throughout the report: "Children learn particularly effectively during time that is directed by staff," "Staff are well-trained in the school's phonics programme," and "Staff know every pupil well."

It is of course difficult for a concise report to truly capture what goes on behind the scenes, achieving day in day out, a secure and stimulating educational environment in which our children can thrive. As Governors, we are acutely aware that the process of preparation for an inspection begins many months beforehand; but importantly it is the high quality of teaching and learning and culture of "striving for excellence" throughout the year that really lays the foundation for success and this certainly deserves recognition; so, on behalf of myself and the Governing Board, we thank you.

Of course, with any rigorous inspection no stone is left unturned, and there will always be areas to work on and improve going forward. At Langley Fitzurse, our approach is to embrace this and tackle it head on together; and we are already taking measures to address some of the recommendations as provided by the feedback during the inspection.

Finally, we would like to thank you, the parents and carers, for your unwavering support to help our school be a confident, happy, inclusive and resilient church school community.

With our best wishes and thanks,

Kyle Hutchings (Parent Governor) and Governing Board