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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to share the outcome of the Ofsted inspection that took place on 23rd and 24th January 2024. We are pleased to confirm that St Barnabas CE Primary continues to be a good school.

This inspection was an ungraded inspection. These are routine inspections that take place every five years for schools which were graded as at least good in their last inspection. The inspection can convert to a full graded inspection if there are concerns, but generally the main outcomes are the school continues to be good or the school could be declining. We are incredibly proud of the staff and pupils and would like to thank the whole community for their support.

The full report will be published on the Ofsted website next week and is attached to this email. It will also be uploaded to the St Barnabas School website so those who would like to read the full report can find it there.

We would like to share the following from the report:

- Pupils are proud to attend this welcoming, safe and inclusive school.
- They value their caring teachers who work hard to make learning both interesting and enjoyable.
- Everyone has a strong sense of belonging to their community.
- 'Everyone is kind here and I try to return that kindness,'
- It has high expectations of what pupils will learn, right from the start of early years. Pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) achieve well.
- The school offers a rich set of wider experiences within its curriculum.



- Pupils value the many faiths and cultures in their school.
- The school ensures that reading is prioritised.
- Expectations of how pupils should behave are consistently high.
- Across the school, relationships between adults and pupils are warm and respectful.
- School leaders and governors put pupils at the heart of the decisions they make.
- School leaders are very considerate of staff's well-being and workload.
- Staff are unanimously proud to work here.
- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective

In every inspection report there are areas recommended for further development. We are pleased that they have been identified in the school's own self-evaluation and are already being worked on.

We are very excited about leading the school on the next part of its improvement journey, building on some of the strengths and improving further so St Barnabas continues to be the best possible place for its community.

With best wishes,

Mrs Duncombe

Fr J Caster