



# Baston CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, at the end of November, Baston CE Primary School was inspected by OFSTED Inspectors. This was as part of the cycle of inspection under the new OFSTED framework. I am delighted to now share the agreed final version of the Ofsted Report, which is attached. This will be published in the next few days on the OFSTED website and the school website.

Under the new framework, schools no longer receive an overall judgement, however I am pleased to announce that the school has achieved a grading of 'Good' in each of the five areas! There has been a lot of hard work behind the scenes, and we are thrilled that the hard work of our staff and governors has been recognised. I am sure you will join me in congratulating everyone involved.

The report highlights many strengths at Baston CE Primary School. Inspectors observed that pupils are proud to attend the school and feel we help them to do their best. High expectations support their achievements and most pupils feel happy and safe, knowing they can share concerns with our kind and caring staff. The report also praised our ambitious curriculum, supported by teachers' strong subject knowledge and a wide range of resources that help deepen pupils' understanding. A love of reading is promoted and pupils enjoy discussing the variety of texts they explore. We are recognised for our effective support for pupils with SEND, ensuring they receive the help they need to thrive. Pupils also engage in important lessons on personal safety, community and global citizenship, helping them develop an appreciation for life in modern Britain. Children in EYFS thrive in a well-resourced environment where adults skilfully encourage their thinking through thoughtful questioning and demonstrations.

During the inspection, our pupils had plenty of opportunities to speak with the inspectors. It was wonderful to see how confident and enthusiastic they were in sharing their experiences and perspectives. However, through these conversations, it became apparent that there are areas where we can improve. Some pupils showed a lack of understanding of the importance of protected characteristics, and a few revealed instances where pupils were not always demonstrating respect towards individuals in these groups. We have addressed these and are taking steps to empower children to report unkindness and bullying going forward. We will be reviewing all the feedback from the inspection in depth and updating our school improvement plan accordingly, with a particular focus on ensuring greater consistency in how we teach children about protected characteristics, behaviour and attitudes across the school. We are committed to making sure all students understand the importance of treating others with kindness, respect and empathy - regardless of background or differences.

We are incredibly proud of the progress we have made and the positive experiences our pupils have at Baston CE Primary School. We are committed to building on our many strengths and continuing to provide a nurturing, ambitious and inclusive environment for all. Thank you once again for the continued support you give the school. We truly value the partnership we have with our parents and look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure the very best outcomes for all our pupils. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Amy Forster**