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Monday 8th April 2019

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware in Autumn 2018 the government announced additional help and support for all schools that have a Requires Improvement grading. This was in the form of 3 days of time with a National Leader of Education to support the school's improvement journey. We were very pleased to take up this offer and have been working with Mr Peter Merry over the last half term. On Wednesday and Thursday last week Mr Merry visited St Peters with a colleague Ms Natalie Hackett, they undertook a thorough two day external review of all areas of the school.

I am very pleased to share their review comments below:

Strengths and comments from external review.

St. Peter's Primary School is very welcoming. The school has experienced a transitional period under the direction of the new Head Teacher, who has provided a great deal of stability. She leads with a passion for raising standards improving outcomes together with establishing better life chances for all pupils who attend the school.

The Head Teacher together with the Deputy Head Teacher and Senior Leadership team have a vision for the role the school plays in the education of the children in care. All the stakeholders mirror the Leadership team's enthusiasm and commitment to learning, this includes the Governing body that monitors and challenges.

Everyone with whom I spoke commented on the positive ethos within the school and numerous comments were made about the friendly atmosphere. There is a firm commitment to creating a caring environment, where individual needs are met. Pupils were very clear of expectations and they are encouraged to be involved in their next steps through both verbal and visual prompts.

During discussions with the pupils they were happy to talk about how they enjoyed coming to school and demonstrated an enthusiasm for learning. They talked about the way they worked in the classroom. They understood about Learning Objectives and how they used the verbal feedback by teachers to help them make progress. One pupil described the teachers as "Helpful and kind." The staff have good relationships with the pupils in their care and this was evident in the pupil's attitude to those around them and their learning.

You are met by displays sharing achievements and children's work as well as displays celebrating recent events and Christian values. Everyone articulated their enthusiasm and appreciation for the school and felt valued as an individual. Pupils spoken to say that they valued the staff. Everyone at St. Peter's makes every effort to ensure that any barriers to learning are removed.



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The school provides for the needs of pupils and their families in a safe, caring way, having growing aspirations, for enabling the pupils to succeed. The School has made progress against the Ofsted recommended targets from the last inspection. This is supported by the current data and progress levels that have been shared and discussed during the review. The school is well placed to move forward and achieve having developed the capacity to improve, supported by the Embrace Multi Academy Trust in the future.

Peter Merry NLE (National Leader of Education) & Natalie Hackett LLE (Local Leader of Education)
Date: 04.04.19

Myself and all of the staff at St Peters are incredibly proud of this report which recognises the school strengths and progress that we have made on our journey to being a good school. I hope that you agree it is a accurate reflection of the atmosphere in school, new teaching team and changes that we have implemented. Please be reassured that the school will continue to work hard and build on these improvements until St Peter's is a consistently good school that enables all pupils to thrive and achieve their best.

I would like to thank all of our parents and families for their support over the last 15 months, it is always appreciated. I wish everyone a very happy Easter and look forward to working in partnership with you again next term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alison Banks
Headteacher



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