



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL



## THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families

### Ofsted Report

As you are aware The Batt CE Primary School was inspected by Ofsted on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December last term, for the first time in twelve years. Once again we would like to thank children, staff and parents for their positive engagement in this process.

We are now in receipt of the final report and delighted to share this with you and are extremely pleased to have been graded a 'Good' school, with the school having been judged to be 'good' in all areas.

We particularly like that the inspectors recognise the positive experience children have at The Batt: *'Pupils feel nurtured and listened to by adults, The spirit of kindness is evident in how pupils and staff treat each other ... The school is determined for all pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) to succeed.'*

We were also proud to read that *'The school is a positive and safe environment. Pupils understand the expected behaviour and develop excellent manners' and that the school 'supports pupils to develop into confident and positive citizens.'*

With our current focus on improving and developing the curriculum at The Batt we were very pleased that inspectors recognised: *'All pupils learn an interesting and broad curriculum, including pupils with SEND... Staff check pupil's understanding carefully. They use this to inform future teaching.'* and that they could see the love children develop at The Batt for reading: *'Class libraries are a source of joy for pupils. Their love of reading is evident... They make mature and complex links and comparisons between the works of different authors.'*

Inspectors were also mindful of the recent 'turbulent period' with regards to school leadership, but praise local governance and ODST for their support and challenge during this time and new leaders who have *'worked to evaluate provision carefully, raise expectations and support staff.'*

The report does, of course, suggest next steps for improvement. These are linked to the continued development of a few subject areas and that key content within the curriculum is highlighted so as to develop consistency in learning for more vulnerable pupils; and,



we believe, we have already begun to tackle these through our [current school development plan](#).

While we are very pleased with the report, Ofsted is only one aspect of how we measure our success at The Batt. Our truest measure remains our children. They are at the heart of all that we do and always represent the school so positively – whether that is during an inspection, singing at our Carols by Candlelight Service, participation in sporting competitions, showing around prospective parents or in their lives after primary school.

More than anything, we are most proud of them.

Yours faithfully

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