



Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to share with you the outcome of our most recent Ofsted inspection.

On Wednesday 9th November, two inspectors visited school and concluded that Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School remains a 'Good' school. All the staff are thrilled with this result, after a turbulent period. This Ofsted judgement was based on whether we remained a 'Good' school from our previous inspection in October 2017.

Inspectors completed a range of tasks, which included speaking to school leaders, meeting with Governors, talking to parents, observing lessons and meeting with pupils.

We would like to share some of the highlights from the report:

Leaders have established a strong safeguarding culture at the school.

The recently appointed acting headteacher and new senior leadership team have succeeded in establishing a sense of stability in the school following a period of turbulence.

Governors know what is going well in the school and what still needs to improve. They are supportive of senior leaders' plans to improve the quality of education that pupils receive.

Pupils are extremely polite and respectful.

Leaders and staff are ambitious for the achievement of all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Leaders quickly spot the additional needs of pupils with SEND, including in the early years. Staff provide effective support for these pupils in class.

Leaders are ambitious that pupils should benefit from a broad and engaging curriculum.

Leaders carefully consider pupils' wider development.

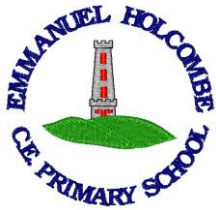
Leaders ensure that both pupils' physical and mental health are promoted well in school.

Pupils behave exceptionally well throughout the day.



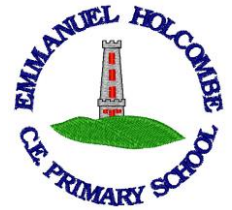
Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship





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We are delighted that the Ofsted team acknowledged our hard work and validated the recent decisions we have made in school. Inspectors also agreed with the areas of development that school leaders had already identified in our School Development Plan. Our priorities are as follows:

- To embed our new 'Twinkl' phonics scheme and refine our teaching of Phonics, to ensure consistency across school.
- To further develop our curriculum to ensure links are made between EYFS and Year 1
- To further develop pupils' use of subject specific vocabulary

We have already begun working on our key priorities and as always, we remain determined to ensure the quality of education is the best it can be for our pupils at Emmanuel Holcombe.

As Acting Headteacher, I have never felt prouder of our amazing children, and I would like to thank all of our wonderful families for your ongoing support.

I also feel immensely privileged to work alongside such a fabulous staff and governing body and I would like to personally thank them all for their dedication and support.

A full copy of the report will be available on our website in due course.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs Longstaff

