

William Hildyard Church of England Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

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You may already be aware that William Hildyard, by coincidence, has now had two school inspections within only a few weeks of each other. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your kind support and very positive responses which were noted by all of the inspectors. We have now received the first of the reports and this is a summary of the full report which can be found on both the school and Ofsted websites. We await the second report from the National Anglican Society which should be with us before the end of this term.

Strengths identified

- Parents hold the leadership of the school in high regard
- Pupils are proud to be part of the William Hildyard school community
- Staff are highly committed to the school
- The governing body is effective in its strategic role
- The school's curriculum is broad, balanced and exciting for pupils
- Pupils get off to a good start in the early years and staff work closely with parents ensuring a good knowledge of children's needs, personalities and abilities
- Good phonics teaching
- Teachers give the most able pupils challenging work
- Behaviour is good and pupils have excellent attitudes to learning
- Pupils are exceptionally well cared for
- Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

Ofsted judged that the school requires improvement in its overall effectiveness by offering greater opportunities for children to:

- improve their editing skills; write longer pieces of work across the curriculum
- practice their comprehension skills in a wide range of texts
- reason and solve problems in mathematics
- undertake investigative science work collaboratively.

Ofsted noted that 'Senior leaders have a very good knowledge of the school. They have already identified where aspects of teaching need to be improved and are taking effective action to do this'.

We know that you will continue to offer your support to our school and work with us in ensuring that your child receives the very best education.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors

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