



# Wilden VA Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents and carers

I am pleased to share with you the final Ofsted report from the end of the Summer Term. This is the first full inspection of the school since September 2018 when the school was judged as Requires Improvement in 4 out of 5 areas of the previous inspection framework. The new Education Inspection Framework came into effect in September 2019 and has a greater focus on the intent, implementation and impact of a school's curriculum. However, some direct comparisons between this and the previous inspection can still be made. This report is very positive about the school and the education that your children receive.

Whilst the overall effectiveness of the school remains as Requires Improvement, there are many positives to draw on which demonstrate the impact of the hard work of staff, pupils and parents over the past 4 years. These have been outlined below both from the report itself and from the end of inspection feedback with the lead inspector:

1. Pupils are happy, respectful and are eager to learn in lessons.
2. Pupils talk positively about their learning and can demonstrate clear connections between what they have learnt in the past and what they are learning now.
3. Pupils are safe in school and know how to keep themselves safe.
4. Leaders know the strengths and areas for development of the school well and have sensible plans to bring about improvements.
5. Pupils experience a broad curriculum
6. Pupil's personal development is enhanced by the school's curriculum, particularly by the new Forest School activities.
7. Pupil's learning in Reading is very strong and all pupils make good progress from the outset of their learning.
8. Pupils with SEND access the curriculum well due to rapid identification and clear adaptations to ensure effective learning and progress.

Whilst these positives are a testament to the school's improvement from 2018, there are areas that still require further improvement. These were accurately identified by school leaders prior to the inspection and actions have already been taken to ensure that these areas are improved quickly. The main areas requiring improvement are:

1. Ensuring that teacher knowledge is strong in all subject areas
2. Ensuring there is consistency of planning, delivery and assessment in all subject areas across the school
3. Ensuring that subject leadership is strong in every subject

As a result of these findings, the following actions have already been implemented in order to achieve rapid improvement in these areas:

1. All class teachers have undertaken a subject knowledge audit to identify subjects that require additional support, understanding or confidence
2. A new leadership structure has been implemented across both Wilden and Riseley to ensure effective subject leadership in all areas
3. Clear expectations have been agreed to ensure that there is strong and effective management of every subject in both schools
4. Discussions between subject leaders to outline and agree how the effective monitoring of all subjects is to be achieved have taken place and been implemented from the start of term.

In light of parental feedback about communication from school, a response meeting will be arranged for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in the school hall. The aim of this meeting is to run through actions listed above in greater detail so parents fully understand how this will impact the quality of education at Wilden.

Yours sincerely

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