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Chair of Governors: Mrs Clare White

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write to you as Chair of the Governing Body to share with you an overview of the very positive Ofsted report which we have recently received. A copy of the full report can be found on our school website and paper copies are available from the office on request.

We received a one day section 8 inspection of a good school. It is important to understand the narrow terms of reference of a section 8 inspection. The purpose is to confirm that the school remains good. Graded judgements are not given by Ofsted in a section 8 inspection.

### **Outcome**

**Bolton-on-Swale St Mary's CE Primary School continues to be a good school.**

**This outcome demonstrates that Bolton-on-Swale St Mary's continues to be a good and successful school. The report highlights the high quality of teaching and learning; the creative and enriching curriculum and the commitment to promoting pupil's personal development through a wide range of activities so that all pupils thrive. It clearly evidences the commitment of our staff, pupils and governors and the support of our parents.**

The report is in a format that may be unfamiliar to you if you have previously read the lengthy reports that Ofsted issued in the past. Under the new Ofsted framework from September 2019, section 8 inspection reports for good schools have had their language simplified and are relatively short. There are strict parameters around the language which can be used. Governors are keen that parents understand that the verbal feedback received on the day from the inspectors was far more open in style, for example commenting: **'children are really courteous, respectful and proud to attend this school.'** The report aims to describe what it is like to attend the school; highlight what the school does well and give targets for further improvement. Three areas of the curriculum were looked at: Reading, Maths and Science. There was not time to look at any other subject areas.

Thank you for your support as parents during the inspection. Your commitment to working in partnership with the school is evident in the report and in all aspects of school life.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dobson and the whole staff team for their continuing dedication and commitment to delivering the very best education for your children.

Your sincerely,



Clare White Chair of Governors

