



**COWBIT ST. MARY'S (ENDOWED)
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know our school was inspected by Ofsted on 14th and 15th of September. We have recently received the final report and it is important to communicate the findings to you. The report will be going home with pupils tomorrow and will be posted on Dojo.

Firstly, thank you again for all your support during the inspection and the positive comments given to the inspectors. We are very pleased with the fact that our pupils display good behaviour and attitudes and that the school caters strongly for the personal development of all our pupils- particularly in Relationships, Well-being, Safeguarding and SEND provision. We are also pleased that the inspector recognised the provisions we made as a whole school community to ensure pupils recovered from learning time lost due to Covid. We did not narrow our learning and provided pupils with the full Curriculum.

Governors, leaders and staff are disappointed with the overall results as we have improved in all areas for development since our last inspection. We received positive feedback from County Advisors and in our SIAMS Church Inspection. However, this inspection was under a new Ofsted Framework which focuses on the Curriculum and ensuring that knowledge progresses from EYFS to Year 6 in *all* subject areas. We will build upon our strengths shown in Mathematics, Science, PSHE, Writing and RE.

Some areas are in the later stages of development which, at the end of last year, we took steps to address and included them in our School Improvement Plan. Additionally, such strategies were not in place fully during our inspection at the beginning of September. For example, we restructured the staff in EYFS/Yr1 and Yr2/3 to meet the needs of the school/pupils and booked training for new staff. We are pleased that the inspector recognised the need for restructuring and that the new Reception pupils had settled quickly into routines. Reception pupils were and are actively involved with learning-this is a credit to the teacher new to EYFS and the pupils especially considering we were only 6 days into the school year.



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In order to drive learning forward to improve our overall Quality of Education, we will continue to implement strategies which are outlined in our School Improvement Plan. We were shocked with the inspectors findings in regards to our RWInc Phonics. Over the past two years we have worked with a Ruth Miskin RWInc Consultant and the LEAD English Hub. Since the early inspection we have trained new staff and have provided refresher training in RWInc to the rest of the staff. This will further enhance our Phonics and ensure consistently good delivery, monitoring and assessing of pupils' progress.

Your support for our school and the whole school community is greatly appreciated. Be assured, we will continue to work together as governors, leaders and staff to improve in order to drive standards upwards.

All the best,

Mr Johnson on the behalf of Governors and Staff

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