



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Adam Smith

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Dear Parents,

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As you are aware we were recently inspected by Ofsted. Our last visit was in 2008 and a lot has changed since then! In the past few years the school has been on a journey of improvement and I am pleased to report that after a turbulent period it has now secured a judgement of **'Requires Improvement'**. Our challenge now is to secure the improvements identified in the report which will enable us to demonstrate good in all categories at our next inspection in two years' time. I know what a supportive school community we have and I am confident that together we can attain this goal.

The report states that the **'staffing is secure, now, and teachers are working together as a team. They are determined to make improvements rapidly and ensure success for the pupils'**.

The report also acknowledges that **'Leaders' evaluation of the quality of education in the school is secure and they are very aware of the improvements needed. Recent action has led to better progress for pupils, especially in English and Maths,'** and the work of our new senior teacher, as the whole school leader for Maths, has seen **'pupil's maths skills improve exponentially'**. I am also very proud that the children's **'good behaviour'** was recognised. Several parents stated how much their child **'loves coming to school'** – this is a joy to hear!

Together with the inspector, we were able to identify areas to develop even further, many of which were already on our improvement plan. The governors and I, together with the staff will ensure that the children remain at the heart of everything that we do and that we continue to allow them to flourish as individuals, succeed and achieve.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the honest working partnership we share helping your children to achieve their very best. What a great team we have! A huge thank you to all staff who have supported the school to improve **a situation identified by my predecessors**. I hope you take the time to read the report. This is one we should all be proud of, as it shows how far we have come as a school. This is even more remarkable when you consider that most of the staff have only been in the school for a very short period of time!

So, I can be confident that we will continue to go from strength to strength, and achieving **'Good'** is our next goal.

Kind regards

Adam Smith

Headteacher