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Dear Parent/Carer

OFSTED Report

As you are already aware the school was inspected by OFSTED at the beginning of March.

We are extremely disappointed with the overall judgement that the school requires 'Special Measures'. Although we always acknowledge the need to improve to raise standards, we believe that OFSTED failed to take into account many of the very good things that have made St Leonard's such a special and much loved school at the heart of the village community for so many years. We also feel that it has not acknowledged the improvements that have been made most recently nor has it acknowledged the support we receive from you as parents.

However, we are pleased that the inspection recognises that safeguarding is effective as well as success in the teaching of phonics. Key Stage 1 results remain strong and well above the national average for both Maths and English.

The report can be found on the OFSTED website (www.gov.uk/ofsted) and also on our school website. Paper copies are available on request from the school office.

The key findings of the report in terms of progress are something we had already identified as a school and had started to take action to make improvements. Although it is too early to see the benefits of these actions because they are still in their infancy, we are confident we are moving in the right direction. We are excited at the prospect of being able to work alongside other schools and lead practitioners who will enable us to accelerate these improvements.

What is important is how the school responds, moves forward and takes successful action in each of the areas identified by OFSTED. In order to secure the best possible education for all of our children, we will be submitting a detailed action plan about how improvements will be made. The school will be receiving regular short notice HMI/OFSTED inspections to monitor the progress of the action plan.

A meeting has been arranged to take place on Wednesday 1st May at 6.30pm to explain the draft action plan and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. The meeting will take place in the school hall and you are all welcome to attend. It is not appropriate for children to be in attendance and therefore we ask that you make alternative child care arrangements.

In the immediate short term the key personnel driving the action plan will be the Head Teacher and the Governors, alongside the Local Authority and the Diocese. There will be lead practitioners to work

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alongside us in the school and this will be the case until the end of the summer term. We are pleased that the dedicated staff will have the support needed to make the necessary improvements.

We are sorry to have to write to you with such disappointing news. We have no doubt that working together in partnership with all stakeholders that the school can succeed and secure a better inspection outcome next time.

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills
Head Teacher

Clare Lindley
Chair of Governors