

**St Leonards C E Primary Academy**  
**Parent information evening Ofsted**  
**Wednesday 20 March 2019**

**Present**

Nicky Mills – Head Teacher

Clare Lindley – Chair of Governors

Rev Geoff Sowden – Foundation Governor

Karen Jankinson – Foundation Governor

James Lovell – Parent Governor

Julie Knell – Community Governor

Suzanne James – Community Governor

Sarah Foulkes – Local Authority Education department

Katy Staples – Bristol Diocese

Paul Jacobs – Bristol Diocese

The meeting began with a brief introduction by Clare Lindley expressing the school's disappointment with the Ofsted result. We find it hard to recognise the school we know in the Ofsted report and are frustrated that the report fails to detail many of the strengths of the school. That said it is right that we need to focus on improving the outcomes for all the children in our school. Moving forward we are embracing this opportunity and are fully committed to seeing through the improvements required.

Sarah Foulkes then spoke on behalf of the Local Authority and focused on how the school has come to be in this position. The school has not had an Ofsted inspection in almost 10 years, and during the last inspection the school was commended for its practices and graded Outstanding. Because of this our school and several other schools were deemed to not require Ofsted visits unless there was a change in data and have then continued with what they had been told were good practices. During the time since the school's last Ofsted inspection there have been changes to the frame work that Ofsted use to inspect a school three times. Because of these changes the school is not being judged on the same basis as it had been previously. Alongside this the school has become a Stand-Alone Academy, leading it to be quite isolated. By not operating with external partners the school has not been able to keep up with the changes required under the new Ofsted frameworks.

Nicky Mills then took over to run through a presentation on the key priorities moving forward. The slides of the presentation are available as a separate attachment. During the presentation Clare Lindley was able to confirm that the follow actions have already been taken.

- Review of Governance booked for May 2019
- Review of Pupil Premium booked for May 2019
- Governor training has already taken place, with more training booked in
- Two new Governors with experience of school improvement have been secured
- Benchmarking has been booked in to take place across the whole school during term 6
- Behaviour Policy has been reviewed and implemented – copies to be sent out to all parents – already showing positive improvement
- We have secured support from high performing schools to work in partnership with St Leonard's to drive the improvements
- Early Years fact finding visits have already taken place and more are planned in

Nicky then explained that the school and Governors have been working on an action plan that will be sent to Ofsted which details how we are going to implement and track the improvements needed. This must be completed and returned to Ofsted within 10 working days of the publication of the Ofsted report (30<sup>th</sup> April). When this has been finalised, we will share this action plan on the school website.

Clare Lindley then opened the floor to questions. There is a separate attachment with a list of the questions and answers given. Questions have been grouped together where they are similar.