

St Michael's Church of England, VA, Primary and Nursery and the Blue Sky Federation Partnership of Schools

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware St Michael's had its Ofsted inspection in the early part of November this year. In our previous inspection it was highlighted that the school, whilst on a positive journey, still required improvement in a number of areas. Therefore, in 2019, the school was graded as Requires Improvement.

I am overjoyed to officially share with you the result of our most recent inspection.

St Michael's is now graded 'GOOD' in all areas.

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Requires improvement

This is on the back of our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection which also graded the school as 'GOOD'.

Overall grade	Good
The impact of collective worship	Good
The effectiveness of religious education (RE)	Good

In the final feedback the lead inspector was keen to impress the difficulty of taking a school from a position of Requires Improvement to Good within one inspection cycle. Also, when taking into account the pandemic and the impact it had.

"The school has worked effectively to improve the quality of education since the school was last inspected. Leaders have put in place curriculums, from Nursery to Year 6, which set out what pupils need to learn and when they need to learn it. Staff have strong subject knowledge. They follow leaders' curriculums and teach the different subjects well.

The school is ambitious for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Leaders provide staff with the information they need to support pupils with SEND. Staff adapt what they are teaching to meet pupils' needs. As a result of the effective curriculum design, skilful teaching and extra help for those who need it, pupils from Nursery to Year 6 achieve well across the curriculum." – Ofsted 2023

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This has been a huge team effort and has been accomplished because of the hard work and dedication of the staff, governors and the children. In 2019 the result of the inspection rocked us, but, it gave us a platform to build on and unite all the individual aspects of the school.

I hope you will join me in congratulating all the staff and the wider team on this success.

It is also important to recognise the contribution of our parents and members of the St Michael's Community, including; the Diocese of Norwich, The Aylsham Trust and Norfolk County Council. We thank you all for your support, guidance and experience.

"With God all things are possible" – Matthew 19:26

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Neenan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr John Neenan