



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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28th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ofsted Inspection 11th and 12th June 2024

It is with enormous pleasure that I write to share the absolutely fantastic news that Spalding Parish Church of England Day School has been rated 'Good' by Ofsted including the following gradings within the individual categories.

Overall Effectiveness:	Good
The Quality of Education:	Good
Behaviour and Attitudes:	Outstanding
Personal Development:	Outstanding
Leadership and Management:	Outstanding
Early Years Provision:	Outstanding

This fantastic news follows our two-day Ofsted inspection earlier this month. This is our first inspection since we academised in December 2019, becoming part of the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust. We are all absolutely thrilled with the outcome and the recognition of the fantastic progress evident during this time. A huge thank you must go to all involved in the inspection, staff, governors, parents, pupils and representatives of the Trust.

I am delighted that Ofsted has recognised all the exceptional work going on at Spalding Parish and that the school itself is thriving. Similarly, it is very pleasing that the hard work undertaken by all in the school community has been recognised, including the systems in place, the driven nature of leaders, staff, the Trust and governors and the positive attitudes and commitment of the pupils. I am fortunate enough to experience the special place that Spalding Parish is on a daily basis and am always very proud to be part of this unique community. I am thrilled that during the inspection this was very clear to inspectors too and they recognised all the brilliant things in place as part of our school provision.

During the inspection the inspectors noted that *'Pupils, including those who speak English as an additional language, rise to the very high expectations that the school has of them.'* The report also recognised that *'Classrooms buzz with purposeful learning. In lessons and during social times, pupils' behaviour is exemplary. They listen attentively, show respect, and give their utmost when completing their work.'* We could not have achieved this without your support and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, your fantastic children and our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment, which has helped to make Spalding Parish Church of England Day School such an amazing place to learn, work and succeed.



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The report highlights many key strengths of our school. Some areas that make us very proud include:

- *'The school provides a nurturing environment in which pupils are happy and feel safe.'*
- *'The school has developed to be an exceptional place for all pupils to thrive. Leaders have worked relentlessly to completely transform the school.'*
- *'Leaders provide highly effective professional development opportunities for all staff. This has led to staff developing a high level of expertise and subject knowledge. Pupils receive a good quality of education.'*
- *'The school has put in place an ambitious curriculum that meets the needs of pupils well. The school's curriculum is underpinned by key 'drivers' that focus on making a difference to the school itself, the local community, and wider world.'*
- *'Reading is central to the curriculum. The school prioritises teaching pupils to read. Pupils develop into confident and eager readers.'*
- *'Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are carefully included in lessons alongside their peers. Teachers expertly adapt resources and provide extra support when needed. Pupils with SEND thrive in this setting.'*
- *'Children in the early years get off to an exceptional start. They transition incredibly well into school from many settings. Staff get to know children as individuals and use this knowledge to tailor each child's learning. Regardless of their starting points, children make excellent progress.'*
- *'Pupils live and breathe the school's values in all aspects of school life. They are exceptionally well behaved. The school makes sure that pupils and their families understand the importance of attending school every day. Pupils have high attendance and love to come to school each day.'*
- *'Leaders are relentless in their endeavour to develop pupils into responsible citizens of the world. All pupils, including the most vulnerable, learn how to be responsible and resilient. Pupils leave school at the end of Year 6 as thoughtful and knowledgeable individuals. They are extremely well prepared to embrace the challenges of the next stage of their education.'*
- *'The school and trust unite to ensure an exceptional and memorable school experience for each and every pupil.'*

A full copy of the letter from Ofsted is attached. This will also be made available through the school website and will be available on the Ofsted website from Friday 5th July.

On behalf of all involved with Spalding Parish Church of England Day School, I am extremely proud of everything that we have been able to achieve and would again like to take this opportunity to thank all stakeholders for their continued support. I look forward to the school continuing to drive forwards in the future, building on the strong and established foundations already in place. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Kind Regards,

Diane Mulley
Head Teacher