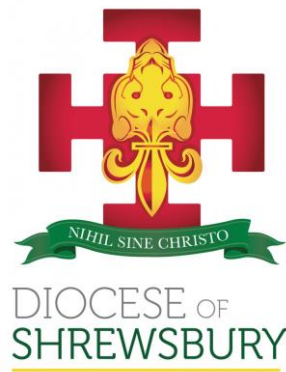




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Dear Parents / Carers,

**"It's hard to be a stranger in our school, it is so easy to make friends."
'A warm environment that helps pupils to feel happy and safe.'
'Leaders have high aspirations for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities.'
'Leaders have begun to develop a more aspirational curriculum.'
'Over time, most pupils develop into confident and fluent readers.'
'Leaders have thought carefully about how to promote pupils' personal development.'**

These are just a few of the positive comments we received following our Ofsted visit in the week before Christmas. We are delighted that the inspectors acknowledged the warmth of the school environment and how much our children enjoy coming to school.

This Ofsted Framework is very much focused on the curriculum, and it does reflect and acknowledge the changes we are making in terms of the curriculum and that we are still at the start of our journey in some subject areas. The Inspector was very fair in her acknowledgement that she can see the positive changes that we are implementing to bring the wider curriculum up to date, but not enough time has passed yet to measure the impact. She also recognised that new staff members need time to develop and that some middle leaders are new to their curriculum roles.

As I'm sure you'll appreciate, the graded judgement is not reflective where we want to be, however the report offers us guidance as to what to do next in the careful sequencing of the curriculum over a two year cycle and allows us to refine it to best meet the learning needs of the children. Our classes have already been restructured to accommodate this and enrichment opportunities are being woven through the year.

We will act on the advice given and will continue to support your child to develop and fulfil their potential in all aspects of school life.

As a recently appointed Headteacher, may I take the opportunity to thank you for your amazing support and I hope that this continues over our journey of the next few years. I'd also like to thank our staff team for their unflinching hard work and the love and care they show towards all our children.

Kind regards
Angela Snell.