

Cranford C E Primary School



23rd May 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted Inspection 26th – 27th April 2016

Following our recent Ofsted Inspection last month, I am delighted to be writing to you all on behalf of the school staff and the Governing Body, to inform you that Cranford CE Primary School was awarded an **'Outstanding'** grading in all areas by the Ofsted team!

As you can imagine, both myself and the staff, are absolutely thrilled to have had all of our hard work and commitment recognised, the journey that began when I became the Headteacher of Cranford in September 2012.

Thank you to all of the children who are the reason for all of our hard work – your children who arrive at school each day ready to begin a new page in their own individual learning journeys and who were so well able to demonstrate this during the inspection. Thank you to you, our Parents and Carers who support us in providing the very best education that we possibly can. We are delighted that this has now been endorsed by Ofsted.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Cranford CE Primary School and the leader of the outstanding Cranford CE Primary School team and I hope that you will share the delight of this achievement with us all.

Yours Sincerely

Julie Grey

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our previous Ofsted Inspection was back in 2013 when Mrs Grey was only a few months into turning the school around from being in a local authority and Diocesan category of Special Measures with a very large financial deficit.

In 2013 Mrs Grey was greatly praised by Ofsted for the progress she had made in improving the quality of teaching and management of the school in the short time she had been at Cranford. Ofsted then categorised the school as requiring improvement. Mrs Grey received a personal commendation from the Government for her vision for the school.

Mrs Grey has now brought our school to a level admired by both County and the Diocese. Both the LA and the Diocese recognised her great leadership skills and asked her to become an Executive Headteacher running both Cranford and Mears Ashby Schools.

Concerns were raised at the time that standards at Cranford may drop. With the excellent team developed by Mrs Grey, the staff at Cranford have shown they can continue to maintain the high standards set by their Headteacher.

Last autumn the governors assessed themselves in order to raise their own standards to match those demonstrated by the school and had to make changes to the way the governors performed their responsibilities. This clear focus has now strengthened the governance in the school.

As a result of all the hard work and dedication by the brilliant staff and a more centred governing body I am pleased to announce Ofsted gave Cranford C of E Primary School OUTSTANDING in all areas.

We are one of only two schools to date in Northamptonshire to receive a classification of OUTSTANDING under the new assessment criteria introduced in September 2015.

May I as chair of governors thank the Headteacher, the teachers, all other members of staff, my fellow governors and the parents who had faith in the school for helping to support us in achieving this great accolade. We guarantee to ensure that our aspirations for Cranford will remain at the Outstanding level already achieved.

We may now be expected to help other schools who are struggling as this is part of the expectation of a school that is classified OUTSTANDING by Ofsted.

Thank You
Bob Townson
Chair of Governors.

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