



Ridgewell C of E VA Primary School

Wednesday 11th January 2017

Dear Parents/ Carers

Invitation to a Parents' Meeting following the school's Ofsted inspection

Following the Ofsted inspection on 22nd – 23rd November 2016, the school has now been issued with the final report which will be published on the Ofsted website tomorrow. A copy of this report is enclosed for you and will also be available on the school website.

I'm sure that you will be as disappointed as we are in learning that our school has received an overall grading of an inadequate judgement. This is not what we would want for Ridgewell, particularly given our recent results published in the local press. The report does highlight strengths that the school has and noted the progress made under our new management structure. We are committed to ensuring that the school builds on these areas of strength and effectively tackles the areas for development specified in the report.

I would like to invite you to a meeting that will be held in the school hall, where Governors, the Diocese and the Local Authority representatives will explain the judgements in the report, the planned actions and answer any questions.

We will be holding two separate meetings, one early evening and a second the following morning, which will hopefully enable as many of you as possible to attend. These meetings will be next week, **6.30pm on Tuesday 17th January** and **9.15am on Wednesday 18th January**. The meetings are expected to last no longer than one and a half hours. The morning meeting will enable you to drop off your children for school and then come into the hall.

Having read the report you will no doubt have some questions about the findings and the steps we will be taking to address them. It would be useful to have some of these beforehand. Please write your question on the slip provided and send it into school by 9am next Monday, 16th January. A collection box will be available in the front foyer. Priority will be given to those questions already received but we will endeavour to respond to any others that arise during the meeting.

The hope is that the meeting will be informative and constructive for you as parents and carers. A detailed action plan has been devised to address the areas for improvement. Significant steps have already been taken by the school to address the issues related to safeguarding processes and procedures and raising pupils' achievement in all areas of learning. The Local Authority and Diocese will regularly monitor our progress and there is a real commitment from everyone associated with the school to implement effective strategies to raise overall standards.

I look forward to meeting you next week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Vidler".

Canon Brian Vidler
Chair of Governors