



Frome Valley CE First School

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Wednesday 12th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: OFSTED INSPECTION REPORT

We are now in a position to share with you the full Section 5 Ofsted Report from our two-day inspection on 15th and 16th January. The report is now available both on the school website and attached to this email.

Previously, schools received a single overall judgement. However, under the new inspection framework, Ofsted now provides separate ratings across multiple key areas, offering a more detailed and balanced assessment of a school's strengths and areas for development. Schools are now evaluated in the following categories:

- The Quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes
- Personal Development
- Leadership and Management
- Early Years Provision

This updated approach provides a clearer and more transparent reflection of a school's performance, ensuring that strengths are properly recognised while also identifying specific areas for improvement.

The process was very detailed and rigorous. The report is brief and does not fully convey all the positives that were fed back to us over the two days about our school. We would like to thank all those who took part in the inspection, staff, governors, parents and pupils alike.

We are very pleased that the hard work undertaken by all in the school community has been recognised. This includes the following:

- Pupils enjoy attending Frome Valley CE First School.
- Our pupils feel safe.
- Pupils behave well in the classroom and at social times.
- They have positive attitudes to learning.
- Pupils experience a broad and balanced curriculum
- The school places a high priority on pupils learning to read. Pupils have positive attitudes to reading.
- The school ensures it has strong links with its community.
- The school's well-being days help pupils to discuss their feelings.
- The school has a nurturing ethos.

Ofsted recognised that 'new leaders are ambitious for the school.' Trustees, governors and school leaders have already introduced several new measures and are taking a positive approach towards the outcome, using the OFSTED judgements to look at ways to develop as part of our continuous improvement. We are confident that we know what we need to do to improve and have begun working on these areas already.



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Examples of measures taken so far include:

- A new English Curriculum based on Literacy Tree to encourage high quality writing.
- A review of and work on all curriculum documentation
- A new Early Years Curriculum developing Common Play Behaviours
- Reviewed assessment of Phonics

Whilst we fully acknowledge that the report does not reflect where we want to be, we firmly believe that our current actions and strengths outlined in the report, such as the opening sentence: "Pupils enjoy attending this school. Adults care for them well. This helps pupils to be happy and secure", provides us with a firm foundation to allow all pupils to reach their full potential academically as well as socially and emotionally. Our staff body are hardworking and dedicated individuals who always put the needs of the pupils first which the report also reflects. We are also very proud that our 'Personal Development' and 'Behaviour and Attitudes' judgements were rated as 'Good'. In addition to this, safeguarding arrangements were judged as effective and robust.

We want to assure all pupils and parents/carers that we are fully committed to working hard to ensure that any issues raised in this inspection are amended and improved at an increased rate, whilst also maintaining the strengths that were highlighted by our visitors. We feel very confident that the plans we have in place to address the key areas identified will be achieved.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to make contact with us at school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Moore'.

Mrs C. Moore

Head of School

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'G. Bridle'.

Mrs G. Bridle

Chair of Governors