

Appleton CE Primary School
'Building Wisely for Life'



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Dear Parents/Carers

A huge congratulations to our Appleton family

I am delighted to inform you that following a monitoring Section 8 Ofsted Inspection on Wednesday 13th February 2019, Appleton CE Primary School has maintained its OUTSTANDING rating. We are extremely proud of the school, and this judgement is a testament to the hard work of the staff, children, parents and governors.

As you are aware, our vision is to be a happy and welcoming school community where we learn to **build wisely for life** by following Jesus' example of love and care; therefore it is most gratifying to read that the inspectors found that 'the school's vision of 'building wisely for life' is fully exemplified in our work' and that 'the school's three core values of respect, kindness and responsibility flow seamlessly throughout each day.'

The inspectors reported that 'there is a tangible buzz to learning activities as pupils thrive on high levels of challenge. Children relish new experiences and one pupil told inspectors, 'We love learning new things.' This is a testament to both our growth mindset approach to learning and our vision, demonstrating the resilience we have worked so hard to instil in our children and a determination to be the best we can for ourselves and the good of others.

Writing and maths are key areas of development for us and we have worked hard to establish new approaches to teaching and learning in order to move children's learning on. I was therefore particularly pleased that the inspectors recognised that 'both initiatives, when coupled together, are exerting a very positive impact on standards.'

I believe the most important aspect of our job is to prepare children for secondary school and beyond, and I am delighted that the inspection team recognised that 'Pupils are superbly prepared for the next step in all aspects of their education'.

I am immensely proud to be Headteacher of this wonderful school and would like to thank the pupils, staff, parents and governors for working so hard to make Appleton such a special place.

The full report is attached and we would like to invite you to join us on Friday 15th March between 10:00 and 12:00 in school to celebrate over coffee and cake.

Yours sincerely

Amy Carnell

