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### Ofsted Inspection Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, Whittingham C of E Primary School was inspected by Ofsted for a 1-day inspection on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We have now received a copy of the final report and are proud to let you know that Ofsted have judged us to continue to be a 'Good' school.

One of the key headlines that I am particularly proud that has been recognised is:

**'Whittingham Church of England Primary School sits at the heart of the community. The small size of the school helps staff to know pupils very well. Pupils feel safe in school and know that there is a trusted adult they can speak to if they are worried. There is a welcoming and friendly atmosphere at the school. Parents of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) feel well supported and are happy with the progress their children make.'** Ofsted March 2023.

I attach a copy of the inspection report along with this letter and there will be a copy of this report on our school website shortly.

Ofsted reports have a word limit therefore are only able to provide a brief summary of the key things noted by the inspectors during their very short time at our wonderful school.

However, the lead inspector, Jessica McKay, met with myself, Mr Charlton and also governors to provide more detailed feedback at the end of the inspection and I want to take this chance to share some of this feedback with you which further enhances our good inspection outcome:

- Interventions across the school are planned extremely well. All staff are deployed effectively so that needs are identified quickly, and interventions are effective.
- Resources purchased are helping to escalate progress.
- Pupil talk is language rich and is developed effectively.
- Use of Pupil Premium and Primary Sports Funding are used effectively.
- The curriculum is exciting, and progress and changes made recently have enabled subject leaders to have thorough knowledge of the recently revised curriculum as do teachers and TA's. A positive start.
- Staff training and meetings are well planned.
- Behaviour across the school is exemplary, pupils across the school listen carefully and behave well.
- Pupils are engaged in learning.
- The PE lead is immensely passionate that PE should be a positive experience for all.
- The maths subject lead has thorough knowledge.
- Early Reading is taught consistently well and is extremely well led and managed by the lead teacher.
- Pupils are keen and confident.
- Pupils who are struggling are supported extremely well.
- Governors are extremely knowledgeable about the school.
- The school is a vital part of the school community.
- Measures for safeguarding are robust.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward working with families, governors and staff to further develop our school in the future.

Kind regards,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher.

