

21st April, 2023.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have received the final report for our recent Ofsted Inspection.

http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/school_performance/298205

I am sure that you will share our disappointment with the outcome of the inspection, and with some aspects of the report.

Overall effectiveness:	Requires improvement
The quality of education:	Requires improvement
Behaviour and attitudes:	Good
Personal development:	Good
Leadership and management:	Requires improvement
Early years provision:	Good
Previous inspection grade:	Not previously inspected under section 5 of the Education Act 2005

We do not agree with all of the findings of the inspection, and have concerns about the way in which it was conducted. These concerns, and those raised by parents and members of staff, have been shared with Ofsted through the appropriate process.

We are very proud of St Mary's, and of the vibrant, safe and successful learning community that Mrs McDonald and her team have created. However, school leaders and trust officers continue to work to improve policy and practice across the school. The findings of the inspection will help shape and focus this work.

School and trust leaders will work with parents to understand the frustrations that some parents have with communication and the way in which concerns are dealt with.

We are proud of the school's curriculum and the learning experiences it provides for our children. The improvements referred to by Ofsted are not new, they have been made over recent years, and provide a broad, balanced, engaging and progressive curriculum from Reception to Year 6. We will continue to develop the curriculum and the associated assessment of children's learning to ensure that it is of the highest possible quality, and that all children are able to retain and fluently retrieve their learning.

Provision for children with Special Educational Needs is a strength of our school. However, we will continue to review and revise children's individual learning targets to ensure that they are as focused and effective as possible.

This is a challenging moment in time for our school and its community. However, we are confident that the school team, children and parents will work together positively and effectively to further improve St Mary's and to ensure that it is recognised as the good school it is.



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