

## Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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## Letter from Claire Tootill Chair of Governors

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Local Governing Body I wanted to take a moment to share our delight that Jennett's Park CE Primary School has been given a Good rating by Ofsted. As a governing body we spend a huge amount of time in meetings and during visits hearing about what is happening in school and so we knew our school was a **Good** school but there is something pretty amazing to have Ofsted agree that they could see what we can see.

I think it's important to recognise that this hasn't happened without an incredibly huge amount of hard work from everyone. On my way back to school to hear the Inspectors final comments I reflected on the journey the school has been on since I became a governor nearly five years ago. It has been a sometimes rocky path, littered with difficult decisions and some very tough conversations but one thing has always been true and still is, the desire to make sure that every single child will flourish and achieve and that is so very obviously apparent when you speak to staff, children, governors, the trustees, parents and carers past and present.

With such a journey comes not only dedication but also a huge amount of belief in the leadership team and our amazing team have always given both and I want to thank each and every one of them for giving so much and continuing to do so. As a school we heavily invest in training and not only invest but keep well-being as a standing agenda item for our governor meetings. This is because as governors we want every member of staff to feel supported and have the skills and knowledge they need to play their part in our school's journey. Each and every single member of staff return that investment with so much passion and downright hard work.

Huge thanks needs to go to the Senior Leadership Team. The research, planning, time and effort that goes into making the journey we wanted for our school a reality can never and should never be underestimated. I have always felt it was an honour to work alongside them in my own small way and them receiving the recognition for their hard work through this grade is definitely in my top three of best bits of being a governor.

The children also deserve a huge thank you, I was in school a few times over the two days the Ofsted Inspectors were in school and yet you'd have never have known! Our amazing children carried on learning, were as curious and inquisitive as







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always and completely unbothered by the special visitors. What's more I'm told they happily told the inspectors how much they loved and were proud of their school.

I'd like to thank you the parents and carers, I'm reliably informed that Inspectors rarely have people queuing to speak to them about what they love about a school but you did! Thank you for taking the time to speak to them or to complete the Parentview questionnaire, the Inspectors do read and do listen to your thoughts and so your positivity made a difference.

Last but very much not least, I want to thank the Local Governing Body of Jennett's Park and the Bonitas Trust. All are volunteers, with work and family commitments and yet all give hours of their time for meetings, training, visits and so much more each year. Their belief in our school community and their passion for supporting the school to becoming the school we all knew it could be is something to behold and I am very proud to be part of the team.

Yours faithfully,

C Tootill

Claire Tootill Chair of Governors





