



# Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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## Letter from Liz Savage Headteacher regarding OFSTED announcement

Dear Parents, Carers, and in fact everyone in our wider community as well!

I have had the sheer delight to announce today to the children and staff that the school in its recent OFSTED achieved good in all areas. That means we have moved two full levels directly from Special Measures to Good and will also explain why we were saying we were 'quietly pleased'. The full report is here.

Please read it - it is the distillation of years of hard work - not just the 48 hours they were in and we think captures why and how we work as a school.

For all the long-term supporters and current parents and staff in the school we as a staff are truly delighted and a little bit humbled. We don't run our school for OFSTED- we just try to give the best for our children we can each day. You have shown your faith in us. As a school only 10 years old it has already had a really difficult journey to get to this point through Special Measures and like everyone else in world both in education and without the last two years have been extremely challenging.

As Headteacher I want to express my deepest thanks to everybody who has championed the school since it's joining of the Bonitas trust four years ago. I fell in love with our school on first sight and I'm just delighted I get paid for that privilege. I've never doubted that this school will be a great place to come to, but wanted to thank the Trust and Local Governing board for every ounce of faith they've had in our team and comment them to you for their very wise and patient approach. They have helped and supported in the background holding us to account but also cheerleading us on in our successes. As unpaid volunteers they need to be recognised for their duty and care to us and you. Everyone has probably heard stories of how newly converted schools in academies are toxic to their employees- I can promise you that the support and love we've been given has meant we are only a place of genuine smiles inside and out. We hope to show to others who are struggling that there is a better kinder way to educate but also have those high expectations needed to thrive.

Our school as you will read has fixed its goal on enabling children to flourish and achieve under God's love by being able to live our life in all its fullness. Four years ago, we made a promise to our community to serve the common good. I know in part some of the reason why we have done so well as a team in school is thanks to you



as the amazing community you are. I have never worked with such dedicated staff but they in turn are made stronger and indeed jubilant by any acts or means of support or love they feel from you.

As a forward-facing school, we are delighted that the targets for next steps we have to improve so closely align with what we had already self-identified. We are hungry to get these completed so that all children regardless of need can have as strong a package of learning given to them as we currently do in our core of English and Maths. It was pleasing to hear that they have faith we will have these few aspects sorted by the end of the academic year. We continue to plan our next steps on our journey and work with you as a community to grow. We will enjoy embedding the best we have to offer and polishing those elements that which still need it.

So, to celebrate, we will have several parties over the next few weeks. All good things should have a party. More details to follow. Our children deserve to know how much they shine- they were acknowledged to be respectful, patient, well-mannered but also rightly proud of their school and achievements. Our main Christmas parties in classes will be a little bigger this year and we will have time to tell you more of that.

Our school logo, Rainbows and Owls:



When I joined Jennett's Park CE Primary, I loved the seemingly simplistic symbology of these images – they represent the true desire of everyone in the school to get children to live well with their friends and family and neighbours (the Rainbow Promise) but also to get excellent results (owl learning skills). That combined with our dove of peace lets us not forget to keep trying and persevering if things get tough.

So as most people know, I love a quote, my favourite often comes from songs. Singing (done well) lifts us to a higher place and makes us feel connected. I wrestled with which to quote- Nina Simone, 'Take That', Bruce Springsteen, the Beatles and the Lighthouse Family all were options. But, fittingly I think I will leave you with the mighty Dave Grohl's wise words - 'It's times like these you learn to live again.' We'll continue to enjoy living life in all its fullness with you.

I am so proud to serve you and so delighted this community gets what it finally deserves- a school that puts you and your children first but also lets the staff shine too.

Thank you for your belief in us - it means the world.

See you on the gate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Savage'.

Liz Savage Headteacher of Jennett's Park CE Primary

