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## **Re: Ofsted Inspection – January 2011**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011

### **Message from the Head Teacher**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very proud to share our Ofsted report, grading Olveston CEVC Primary School as **'outstanding.'** Only 9% of all primary schools achieve this grading, demonstrating the high quality of the learning experiences for all children at our school. After spending two days with us, the inspectors commented that each of them would be proud to send their children to our school. A true accolade!

After becoming Head Teacher in 2008, I have been so proud to work with such a dedicated, creative and hardworking team of staff. I am privileged to share the strategic leadership of the school with a talented and skilled Deputy Head and Senior Leadership Team. This has ensured Olveston has gone from strength to strength. Children are always at the centre of all we do and we are committed to ensure Olveston is the best it can be for all.

Partnerships with parents, governors, staff and wider community has been crucial in moving our school from 'good' in May 2008 to 'outstanding' in January 2011. I am excited about the future development of our school and look forward to building on this success.

As ever, thank you for your continued support and the valuable contribution you make to your child's rich learning experiences.

Warm wishes,

**Miss F. Bertham**  
**Head Teacher**

### **Message from the Chair of Governors**

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **'Olveston CofE Primary School is an outstanding school'**

This is the first line of the attached Ofsted report which makes for wonderful reading. It is extremely rewarding to see that all the hard work from pupils, staff and leadership teams (at all levels) have been recognised as good practice by the inspectors.

Rapid improvement has been made since the last inspection in May 2008; Early Years Foundation Stage, ICT, high quality of teaching and learning, school self-evaluation. These areas, along with many more improvements throughout the school, have been highlighted as the reasons for the significant rise in pupils progress.

Another area which was praised so highly was the introduction by the Head teacher of the three Middle Leadership Teams. Consisting of teachers, Teaching Assistants and members of the governing body, these teams focus on specific areas within the School Development Plan (read a copy at: <http://www.olvestonschool.co.uk/parentinfo.html>). The report suggests these teams, under the expert guidance of the Senior Leadership Team, are at the heart of the school's brisk improvement.

Throughout the report you will see most categories listed as '1' (outstanding), however there are a couple that are listed as '2' (good). The governors would like to encourage each group to continue their efforts in making this school even better! To do this, the school knows it has to focus on a couple of areas:

- Community Cohesion – Ofsted acknowledges that Community Cohesion is excellent at Olveston. Links with the local community are strong and some international links are in place (France, Uganda). The School recognises the necessity of enhancing the promotion of community cohesion by forging stronger links with communities in other parts of the United Kingdom and overseas.
- Attendance – The school lost out on full marks by less than one percent!. To give you an idea, Olveston School achieved an overall attendance figure of 95.6%. An outstanding attendance would have been achieved at 96.5%!

On behalf of the governors, I would like to thank parents & carers for their support of the school, the pupils for all their impressive learning and the staff for their dedication, commitment and hard work in taking this school from 'good' to 'outstanding'. I cannot end this letter without praising in particular the leadership given by Miss Bertham. During the verbal feedback, Miss Bertham was singled out by the lead Inspector, highlighting her as the 'inspiration behind the schools success'. This is a view very much shared by the staff and Governing Body and we are delighted that her achievements have now also been recognised by Ofsted.

On a personal note, I'd just like to finish by thanking the governing body for all the hard work that they do. It is made up of a wonderful group of people who dedicate so much of their time and efforts to the School. I am delighted that Ofsted also recognise this, awarding us an 'outstanding' grade.

Best wishes,

**Mark Anderson**  
**Chair of Governors**