



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, on Wednesday 4th October and Thursday 5th October, the school had a full two-day Section 5 Ofsted Inspection the process of which was very detailed and rigorous. Following formal notification from the lead inspector, I am now able to share the report with you.

We are extremely delighted and proud to inform you that the overall judgement of the school is good in all areas. This is a great achievement and one we should be very proud of. It shows all the hard work that all stakeholders have put in to ensure that all children at Audlem St James are immersed in a curriculum that gives them the opportunities to Let their Light Shine. Our school has always been about the whole child which is reflected in the report.

Here are just some of the positive comments made by the lead inspector in the report:

Pupils enjoy attending Audlem St James' and rarely miss a day of school.

The school provides a rich variety of opportunities to prepare pupils for life beyond Audlem St James'

Pupils across the school meet the high expectations of behaviour that are set for them.

Reading is at the centre of the curriculum.

Pupils enjoy relaxing and listening to class novels, which are skilfully shared by staff.

The school has carefully considered the needs and interests of pupils in its curriculum design. The school has created a well-ordered curriculum that begins in the early years.

The school identifies and supports pupils with SEND extremely well.

The school prioritises pupils' personal development effectively. It ensures that the pupils are well prepared to become active citizens.

A full copy of the report is attached or can be found by visiting the school website. The report is extremely positive and reflects the excellent progress we have made as a school under a very new rigorous Ofsted framework.





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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful staff, leaders, governors and members of the Trust who work tirelessly to keep what is great about Audlem St James Primary and to implement the positive changes that we have made. Audlem St James CE Primary is indeed a good school and I feel that we all have shared a sustained determination to continue to build on our successes to strive to provide the very best quality of education, and again I thank you all for this shared vision.

I would also like to thank you as parents specifically, who have supported school in all we have been aiming to achieve, which is hugely appreciated. Thank you as well to those parents and carers who spoke to the inspector, or who completed Ofsted's online survey, ParentView.

Ofsted is only one aspect of how we measure our success – our true measure remains our children. The children remain at the heart of all we do, and the report recognises how important they are to us. We strive to help all children to recognise their talents, build on their strengths, recognise where they may find something tricky and help them to have the skills to move forward from this. We strive to create caring, thoughtful and passionate pupils who are proud of themselves and the communities they live in, and we are pleased that Ofsted recognised this in their report and praised the school and the pupils for this. We have never, as a team, chased an Ofsted grade, we have just wanted to be a brilliant school – and I know that Ofsted inspections will come and go – what never changes is our high expectations, our passion for learning and education, and our love for every single child in our school.

As a school, and with the support of the Governors and Trust, we will continue to strive to improve in those areas identified for further improvement. It is our challenge to see that every element of our work reaches the highest possible levels. I know that I will have your support in the work we will be doing together to make Audlem St James CE Primary School exceptional for all our pupils. This is a fantastic achievement for everyone in our school and the entire Audlem community. I will hope that you will join us in celebrating this great success and spread the word to the entire community just how amazing our school is and how exceptional its children and staff are.

Yours sincerely

Andy Perry
Headteacher

