



# Durweston CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Our OFSTED report will be published on Friday. As a school we are disappointed that the Inspector graded us to be Requiring Improvement.

We have great children who make steady progress and achieve in line with national expectations. The school has real strengths within Personal development, Behaviour and Welfare and the inspector recognised the improvements that have been made since the previous inspection:

- *Pupils are well-cared for and learn how to contribute to the life of the school and the world beyond.*
- *Leaders, teachers and other staff know the pupils well and take a keen interest in what motivates them.*
- *Pupils ...have a well-developed moral compass and know right from wrong.*
- *Pupils show respect, tolerance and courtesy at all times throughout the day. They are proud of the school and enjoy caring for each other.*
- *Leaders ensure that an emphasis on performance, arts, music and sport provides pupils with a strong foundation in these curricular areas.*
- *... there is a trend of rising attainment in the school from 2016 to 2018. More pupils are now reaching the expected standards in reading, writing and mathematics than previously.*

However, not enough of our children make accelerated progress and reach the higher levels of achievement, issues we have identified and are addressing through our current School Development Plan.

We will be looking carefully at how to put in place the recommendations listed by Ofsted to ensure the development of the school and build on the work that has already taken place. Please remember that the OFSTED judgement is only a snapshot of the school. I know that you all do recognise the great work the staff here do to ensure your children do as well as they can.

Please can I thank you all for your amazing support. We feel very lucky to have such a great group of parents and children. If you would like to discuss this report further, or discuss any other issues regarding our school, we will be holding a Parent Forum on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am (after drop off) in the School Hall. Please do come if you can.

Kind regards,

Nicola Brooke

