

PRESS RELEASE 12.02.2020

St Peter's, Alvescot receives glowing report in first Ofsted inspection for 12 years

St Peter's CE Primary School in Alvescot was judged 'Good' with some 'Outstanding' features, following an Ofsted inspection in January 2020. It was the school's first inspection since November 2007, and since it began expanding from an infant to primary school in 2017.

Lead inspector, Matthew Newberry HMI, gave Ofsted's highest rating of 'Outstanding' to the early years provision, as well as to the school's approach to personal development. His report said children received a 'first class start' with 'exceptional levels of nurture and support' and a 'wealth of stimulating learning experiences'. He found that that pupils 'interact warmly' with each other and adults, and feel happy and safe.

The report emphasises the strength of the leadership, staff and governors, who have 'high aspirations' for pupils. It highlights the 'excellent relationship' with parents, who have 'nothing but praise' for headteacher Sam King and her team. It found staff morale was high, they feel 'well supported' and value training from local networks and ODST.

The report also highlights strong teaching and learning in reading, writing and mathematics. It also noted that pupils with special educational needs are well supported and included, and that parents 'value the school's focus on equalities'. Ofsted recently introduced a more rigorous inspection framework focusing on curriculum, and inspectors found that at St Peter's, where new curriculum for the school's wider pupil age range is still being developed, leaders are already driving improvements.

Anne Dellar, Chief Executive, Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust, said:

'St Peter's is a truly inspirational school. I'm really pleased the hard work and dedication of the staff has been recognised, and that pupils' care and respect for each other stood out to inspectors. The whole report is heart-warming and I'm extremely proud of everyone at St Peter's.'

ATTACHMENT: Letter from Sam King, headteacher, to parents, 10 February 2020

For all media enquiries please contact

Jennifer Payne, Communications officer, ODST

01865 202737 / 07825059040 jennifer.payne@oxford.anglican.org

Notes to editors

About St Peter's CE Primary, Alvescot

<http://www.stpeters.oxon.sch.uk/>

- St Peter's was previously an infant school (years Reception, 1 and 2 only), before beginning expansion in 2017.
- It currently has children up to year 5, and by September 2020 will have its first year 6 cohort.
- It is a smaller than average school, with 70 children currently on roll.

Timeline:

2007- inspected as an infant school and judged 'Outstanding'.

2011 - became exempt from future inspection, under Ofsted regulations at the time.

2015 – joined ODST.

2017 - began expansion to become a full primary school, taking children into year 3 for the first time.

Jan 2020 – St Peter's was inspected under new Ofsted regulations that require previously 'Outstanding' schools which have not been inspected for some time, to undergo new inspections. It was also the first inspection since becoming a primary, rather than infant school.

Feb 2020 – Ofsted judges the school 'Good' as a primary school.

September 2020 – will welcome children to year 6 for the first time.

May 2021 – first year 6 cohort will sit SATs exams.

About Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST)

www.odst.org.uk

- ODST is a successful multi-academy trust of 36 primary-phase schools within Oxfordshire and Berkshire. It is a charitable, limited company that operates independently of its sponsor, the Diocese of Oxford.
- We have a strong track record of school improvement and 94% of our schools are now rated good or outstanding by Ofsted. Our ethos as a MAT is one of empowerment – our schools serve their unique communities in the way they know best, with support from ODST to ensure they have what they need to deliver this for pupils.
- We are an inclusive trust with a range of school types. Our schools include very small rural schools, large city schools, infant, junior primary and middle schools, church schools and schools without a religious character.