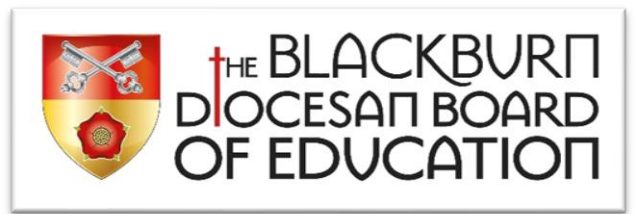


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Dear Joanne and the Mellor St Mary Church of England Primary School community

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On behalf of the Board of Education for the Diocese of Blackburn, I am delighted to offer our warmest congratulations on the wonderful outcome of your recent Ofsted inspection. The report makes clear that your school has continued to make significant progress across all areas since the previous inspection—a testament to the hard work, dedication, and shared vision of everyone involved. We are truly proud of your achievements.

It is evident that Mellor St Mary is a warm, welcoming, and caring school where every child is given the opportunity to flourish. The school's mission to "believe, share and learn together" is lived out daily, as seen in the high expectations set for all pupils and the positive attitudes they display towards their learning. Pupils take pride in their work, support one another, and are enthused by their lessons, creating a purposeful and joyful atmosphere throughout the school.

Your Christian distinctiveness and ethos are woven into every aspect of school life. The calm, respectful environment and the way pupils openly help and encourage each other reflect the Christian values of compassion, service, and community. The strong culture of respect and kindness ensures that pupils feel happy and safe, knowing that staff are always there to listen and support them. The opportunity for older pupils to act as 'buddies' to younger children, and the school's commitment to outreach—such as arranging social events for elderly people in the community—demonstrate a living faith that extends well beyond the classroom.

The school's ambitious and well-structured curriculum, delivered by knowledgeable and caring staff, enables all pupils to build on their skills and knowledge from the earliest years. The focus on reading and language-rich experiences inspires a genuine love of learning and ensures that every pupil, including those with special educational need, are supported to achieve their very best. The extensive range of extra-curricular activities and leadership opportunities further nurtures pupils' interests, talents, and sense of responsibility.

It is clear that the journey of continued improvement at Mellor St Mary has required commitment and teamwork from staff, governors, pupils, and families alike. The strong improvement culture among staff, the support for well-being, and the effective leadership of the governing body have all contributed to the flourishing environment you have created.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Your school stands as a shining example of what can be achieved when a community comes together in faith, hope, and love. We look forward to seeing Mellor St Mary continue to grow and inspire in the years ahead.

With every blessing

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Iain Parks', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Iain Parks

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