



Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
**Darfield All Saints' Church of England
 Primary School**

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We had a visit from HMI on the 14th and 15th of September to judge our progress since the Ofsted inspection in March.

Advice from the Local Authority was that schools in our position would do well to be classed as having made Satisfactory progress in the areas identified by Ofsted. As you will see, we did much better than that.

Areas for improvement identified by Ofsted.	HMI judgement of progress.
Raise attainment and accelerate progress in English and Maths.	Good Progress
Improve Leadership, management and governance.	Outstanding Progress
Improve outcomes in the Early Years Foundation Stage.	Satisfactory Progress
Overall progress since being subject to special measures.	Good Progress

Key quotes from the HMI report

- National test results for 2011 indicate that pupils' attainment in both English and Mathematics are showing improvements on previous years.
- There are already impressive indications that not only are pupils' attitudes to reading improving but the majority are starting to make gains towards age related expectations.
- Throughout the school a greater number of pupils are now making expected rates of progress in English and Mathematics.
- Pupils are more actively involved in learning and take pride in producing their best work. They are keen to take on extra responsibilities, for example, as members of the relaunched school council. Pupils understand and respond appropriately to the behaviour policy which is consistently implemented by all staff. Senior leaders work closely with families and have made some significant improvements in rates of attendance.
- The impact of the National Support School in close collaboration with the highly efficient IEB, have combined to bring about impressive improvements to leadership and management. Of particular note is the way in which staff from St Mary's work collaboratively with the existing school leaders.
- Staff morale is high throughout the school.

I'm sure you will agree that this makes for happy reading. If you would like to read the whole report it can be found on our school website.

C.Walls
 Deputy Headteacher

