

## **Press release**

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Children get the best possible start at a Blackburn Primary School, according to its latest Ofsted report.

St Silas Primary School Headteacher Michele Battersby has welcomed the report which recognises progress that the school has made.

Michele Battersby, Headteacher of St Silas primary School, said: "We were particularly pleased that the Ofsted findings were in line with the school's own evaluation, providing reassurance to our parents that the school is making good progress on its journey towards good.

"The Ofsted report recognised that school leaders have tackled issues with the previous curriculum, teaching structure and previous under performance and highlighted the positive progress. The school has worked with a highly recommended consultant for assessment to revamp our assessment system whilst benefiting from strong support from our Local Authority, a Local Leader of Education (LLE) and from other schools within our School Improvement Group.

"Our main focus is to ensure that our children receive an excellent education, continue to thrive and benefit from positive school experiences, giving them the very best start in life."

### **Key recognition from the inspectors highlight:**

***'Leaders have made bold decisions in order to turn the school around.'* Page 3**

***The report acknowledges the improvements made with Personal development, behaviour and welfare and EYFS both graded as good.***

***'Leaders' considerable investment in staffing and resources ensures that the children get the best possible start at St Silas's.'* page 8**

***'There are clear signs of improvement in reading.'* Page 5**

***'Teachers have worked hard to make sure pupils' reading skills have improved.'***

***'Good relationships between staff and pupils have improved pupils' behaviour significantly.'* Page 1**

***'Pupils who have special educational needs are well supported.'* Page 1**

***'This is an inclusive school.'* Page 5**

***The report states: 'The school now provides a broad and balanced curriculum.'* Page 3**