

## **Press release from Charmouth Primary School**

### **Charmouth Primary School “requires improvement” according to the latest inspection report released this week.**

Chair of the school governors, Melanie Harvey, said: “Although I am disappointed with the findings of Ofsted I believe it to be a fair and considered judgement. As a Governing body we are very pleased with our appointment of Gillian Morris at the start of the academic year and are impressed as to how quickly she has been able to identify a need for change to improve progress and attainment of the pupils of Charmouth School. We will continue to support the School Leadership team with the appropriate actions and were pleased that Ofsted recognised the plans already in place to improve our school.”

“It reflects the dedication and hard work of both the teaching and non-teaching staff who are working together as a team under the strong leadership of Mrs Morris to ensure that the children under their care receive the best education possible.”

The Ofsted inspection took place between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May and the report was published on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Ofsted has commented that the new ‘headteacher has quickly identified aspects of the school that require further development to raise achievement and enhance teaching. She has begun to make the necessary improvements, with the increasing involvement of the governing body.’ They also noted that ‘the school staff are fully behind the headteacher’s efforts to improve the school.

Headteacher Gillian Morris added: “I would like to thank all staff, children, governors and volunteers for the positive approach and tremendous support we have received recently; as recognised by the Ofsted inspectors. Furthermore, the inspectors agreed with our own judgements of our school at this point in time and were confident in our ability to continue to improve in line with our overall school vision and plans. We all remain passionate about helping our children to continuously learn and develop their skills to maximise their potential in a safe and nurturing environment.”

The full report can be viewed online from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June on the school website [www.charmouth.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.charmouth.dorset.sch.uk) or directly from Ofsted at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk).