

From the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Education, Learning and Skills.

Leader, may I take this opportunity to inform the Cabinet of a significant change in Ofsted grading reported on-line yesterday by a Weymouth School. One in which members, especially those of us with an interest in all educational establishments in the area, may find relevant and worthy of note.

In recent times, there has understandably been considerable focus on negative comments relating to the ratings for particular schools in Weymouth & Portland. In turn it has been suggested to me, that this has cast an unfairly long shadow, across all levels of education in the Borough.

But the announcement by Holy Trinity Primary, that their Ofsted rating has been re-assessed from Requires Improvement in 2016, to “Good”, is to my mind, fantastic news and cause for special recognition.

So, I hope even the most ardent critic, must surely want to recognise and applaud Holy Trinity, hailing their Ofsted success as a fine trailblazing example for others to follow... and proof, if proof were needed, of what can be positively achieved locally, even under the most rigorous scrutiny by government inspectors.

I invite my Cabinet colleagues and Cllr Ireland, to join me in congratulating the Headteacher Mrs Daykin, the staff and Governors, on this significant accomplishment.

I am sure, we would all welcome similar good news from other schools in the Borough.