

# Christ Church C of E VC Primary School

Every day a learning adventure



Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware our recent Ofsted inspection took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The full report will be published on the Ofsted website on 27<sup>th</sup> June (<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk>). A copy is attached and will be on the school website later today.

The overall effectiveness of the school was deemed to be “Requires Improvement” which is a change from our previous judgement in 2014 of “Good”.

As a Leadership team and as a governing body, we were prepared for this judgement. We are very clear on where our school needs to improve and this judgement reflects our own self-evaluation about our current position. Whilst, for many, the judgement will feel disappointing I would encourage you, strongly, to read the report in full, as I believe that there is much to be proud and pleased about in the report.

Some key points I’d call out:

- “Pupils show positive attitudes to learning and are keen to succeed”.
- “Leaders have ensured that the work to support pupils’, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development benefits pupils and prepares them well for the future.”
- “Pupils are polite and listen to each other’s point of view”. They are “well-mannered and demonstrate high levels of respect”.
- “Senior Leaders and recently appointed middle leaders are working with determination to achieve success for the school”.
- “There is a strong safeguarding culture which places pupils at the heart of its work. Leaders care passionately about the welfare of every pupil and do everything to ensure that pupils are safe”.
- Our EYFS was determined to be of a Good judgement. The Early Years provision was deemed to be “a strength of the school”.
- “Governors have an accurate view of the school’s strengths and areas for improvement. Governors are astute in verifying senior leaders’ assertions through reviewing external reports. Verification is also supported through governors’ collaboration with the local authority. Governors are keen and enthusiastic. They are proud of the school and are motivated to make the changes necessary to ‘get it right’ for pupils.”

We are pleased that the momentum for change from our Leadership Team and Governing Board has been recognised by Ofsted. Staff, the Leadership team and Governors are working incredibly hard to improve the quality of teaching and learning, and whilst the report reflects that the pace of improvement has not been rapid enough, we are confident that the culture of improvement we now have is firmly in place in the school.

That said, the judgement itself is not to be ignored. There are some key elements that we will continue to drive focus and improvement in:

- Expectations for Learning and Behaviour must be consistently high to improve outcomes for children.
- Our curriculum and opportunities for learning inspire, engage and motivate all children and abilities.
- That every child experiences quality first teaching and assessment to ensure progress is strong.

We are confident that rapid progress in these areas will ensure the success of every child at Christ Church and we believe our strong interim arrangements and robust recruitment process will support this. We'd like to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support.

If you'd like to discuss any aspect of this report please contact the school office to make an appointment to meet with Mr Hutton/Mrs Sophocli and a representative of the Governing Body.

Thank you,

Rebecca Amesbury

Co-Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body of CCH