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Dear Parents and Carers

Ashford CE Primary is a GOOD School

Following our recent one day visit from Ofsted, I am pleased to enclose a copy of the letter from the Inspector reporting on her findings from the short inspection. **As you will see Ashford CE remains a good school as a result of this inspection.**

The report acknowledges the many changes that have been put in place since September. We were pleased that the inspector identified areas for investigation which had already been highlighted by governors and our new senior leadership team as part of our school priorities. We had therefore already started to plan and work on the improvements needed to take us to the next stage in our school development.

The pace of change and improvement at Ashford CE this term has been immense and I am sure you will have noticed changes yourself. The education of your children remains a partnership between parents and the school and we are increasing opportunities for you to be involved and provide the support that is necessary to ensure your child/ren reach their full potential. An important area highlighted in the report is school attendance and we need your active support to ensure that children are in school for the maximum possible days in any year. This not only supports their learning and general education but also their wellbeing as children like to be in routines and miss out on social opportunities when not in school; high expectations around attendance will be a key focus for us in the coming months.

Governors and our senior leadership team recognise there is work to be done in addressing all the points that this inspection has raised, and so we will be continuing a sharp and determined focus on ensuring consistency in high quality teaching across the school and enabling high expectations for achievement for all pupils, which remains our top priority in our school development plan this year.

The feedback from staff, parents and pupils this term has been excellent and we will continue to seek views and identify areas for action over the rest of the academic year, as we seek to strengthen further the home-school partnership.

I am sure you will join me in thanking everyone involved with our school. Our pupils regularly report that they feel happy and safe at school and our staff are passionate about ensuring that they have the best possible whole school experience.

Yours faithfully,

Phil Wells
Chair of Governors