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Dear Parents and Carers

Ashford CE Primary is a GOOD School

Following our recent one day Church school Inspection which is known as SIAMs, I have great pleasure in enclosing a copy of the report from the Inspector. **As you will see Ashford CE is a "GOOD" Church school as a result of this inspection.**

This inspection was one of the first to be held under a more robust framework which focuses on the impact of the Church school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. This involves looking at the school's Christian vision, the provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective the education and whole school experience is in enabling all pupils to flourish. The Evaluation Schedule has one inspection question: **How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?**

This is explored through seven strands:

- Vision and Leadership
- Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills
- Character Development: Hope, Aspiration and Courageous Advocacy
- Community and Living Well Together
- Dignity and Respect
- The impact of collective worship
- The effectiveness of religious education

This is a very positive report and celebrates the hard work and commitment of our whole school community to ensuring that Ashford CE Primary School and its pupils can be the **"best that we can be"**. The report highlights that "The school's leaders are quickly addressing school improvement issues yet doing so in line with their Christian vision." The new partnership arrangements with Laleham CofE Primary School have supported and focussed our school on the drive for high standards.

There are so many positive quotes within the report but I particularly wanted to highlight a few which should make us all feel proud to be part of Ashford CE:

“Worship has been central to the school’s improvement journey, ensuring that valuing individuals (both pupils and adults) is at the heart of all the school does.”

The school’s broad and varied curriculum is a strength and enables pupils to learn about the wider world”

“Pupils behave well and demonstrate appropriate attitudes to learning.”

“Parents say that learning the stories of Jesus teaches the pupils not to discriminate and to see everyone as valuable to God.”

“Collective worship is enjoyed by pupils and adults alike and all say they feel included. It inspires them towards having an ‘I can’ attitude, rooted in Christian teaching.”

I am sure you will join me in thanking and congratulating 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Phil Wells', with a horizontal line underneath.

Phil Wells
Chair of Governors