



# Ashford Church of England Primary School

27 November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The governors of Ashford CE Primary School have received the Ofsted report from the inspection at the beginning of November, which we are pleased to share with you today. A copy is attached for your information. Whilst we are disappointed that the overall inspection grade is not where we want it to be, the report does recognise many of the positive actions that have been taken, and are being taken, to move the school forward. You will see that the report highlights a number of strengths in our school, reflected in many areas being graded as 'good'.

Our pupils responded positively to the inspection and were a credit to you and the school. They spoke with enthusiasm about their whole school experience and we are proud that so many said that they feel happy and safe at school. Equally, the feedback from parents was good and it was clear that many of you value our ethos and nurture of your children.

Inspectors recognise in the report that the governors and senior leaders know what needs to be done to raise standards and are aspirational for all our pupils. I can assure you that the school continues to be supported to achieve all necessary improvements quickly on our journey forward. Our whole school community is focused on ensuring that our pupils can be "the best that they can be" and leave our school well prepared for their journey in secondary school. We are committed to realising the potential of our children through raising expectations in every area of school life. In particular, our determined focus on raising achievement, particularly in the core skills of reading, writing and maths, remain as strong as ever, as we move forward into the future.

Ashford CE remains a "Good" Church School in line with our SIAMs inspection earlier this year and the "I Can" attitude that drives our vision is reflected in our fantastic staff who are passionate about ensuring your children look back at their time at Ashford CE with fond memories of exciting learning and opportunities. Governors and senior leaders are already working on all improvement points outlined in the report, and we look forward to sharing more news of this in the new year.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support of our school as we continue to strive to "become the best that we can be".

Yours sincerely,

Phil Wells  
Chair of Governors



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