Dear families,

Today the report for the Ofsted Section 8 Inspection, which took place on the 15th and 16th February 2022, has been published and is available for you to view on our website here.

The outcome of the report is that Christ Church maintains its ‘Good’ grade, but there will be a full Section 5 inspection (a more detailed inspection) within the next 12 to 24 months. We were disappointed by elements of this judgement as we feel that the education and overall offer to the children and families at Christ Church is very strong, therefore we did make a formal complaint about aspects of how this inspection was conducted.

There are many positive statements within Christ Church’s report and we are particularly pleased with:

* *Pupils are happy, polite and behave well; they learn without disruption to their lessons.*
* *Pupils value their connection to the church, they learn about different religions and model the school’s Christian values.*
* *Leaders have prioritised teaching pupils about peer-on-peer abuse.*
* *Pupils learn to keep themselves safe through the personal, social and health education curriculum. Pupils understand what bullying is and they know how to keep themselves safe online.*
* *Reading is a high priority for the school. Staff read high-quality texts to pupils regularly. The teaching of each sound is precise. This supports most pupils to become confident, accurate readers. As a result, pupils enjoy reading.*
* *Leaders have strengthened some aspects of the curriculum and in some subjects have introduced a new curriculum.*
* *The maths curriculum builds well on what pupils already know.*
* *In the early years, leaders have set out what they want children to know and remember.*
* *Leaders have high expectations and staff feel well supported by them.*

The areas identified for improvement particularly relating to the curriculum, and for some pupils with SEND, were already part of the school’s Development Plan for this year. The staff have worked hard to implement many planned improvements, but some of these were delayed due to lockdowns and staff absences due to COVID. The Trust and Governors will be working with leaders to ensure that they are fully addressed by the end of this academic year.

If you would like to discuss this further, then please contact Mrs Bray.

Yours sincerely,

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