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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection with you.

Following a robust inspection at the end of June, Christchurch Infant School has been judged to have achieved the expected standard across every area of inspection, with all safeguarding requirements also met.

I appreciate that the term “expected standard” may not sound the most exciting terminology, but it is important to highlight that this was our first inspection under Ofsted’s new framework, which has raised the bar for schools and introduced a more challenging set of expectations.

Achieving the expected standard therefore represents a strong outcome and reflects the high standards of education, leadership, behaviour and support that we want every child at Christchurch Infant School to experience.

More importantly, the detail within the report tells the real story of our school.

Inspectors described Christchurch as a school where relationships between staff and pupils are “warm and caring” and recognised the “powerful difference” our values of aspiration, citizenship, courage and team spirit make to the character of our children.

They also recognised the positive impact of the changes we have made, noting that pupils benefit from the “decisive and rapid action” leaders have taken and that these improvements are helping our children to behave, communicate and achieve well.

Inspectors found that our children feel safe, respond well to staff and interact positively with one another. They recognised that staff help pupils to understand and manage their emotions, creating an environment that is “typically calm and focused on learning” and stated that “lessons are rarely impacted by instances of low-level disruption.”

There was also praise for the quality of education our children receive. Inspectors found that “all pupils learn the curriculum successfully”, that children are proud of their learning and talk confidently about their work, and that, as a result, they “achieve well.”

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Our early years provision was highlighted particularly positively. Inspectors recognised the high priority we place on ensuring children get off to a positive start and praised the inspiring environment our staff have created to encourage children to be imaginative and creative.

Above all else, I want to congratulate our wonderful children. They showed inspectors exactly what makes Christchurch Infant School such a special place, and I am incredibly proud of them.

As a school, our focus will always be on doing what is right for our children rather than simply doing things for Ofsted. We will continue to build on the strengths recognised in this report, while addressing the areas identified for further development, so that every child leaves Christchurch with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to flourish.

This report belongs to all of us, to our children, our parents and our staff, whose collective commitment has made this achievement possible. I am immensely proud of, and grateful for, the dedication, passion and hard work our staff demonstrate every single day to ensure the very best outcomes for every child at our school.

I have attached a copy of the report for you to read.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of the Christchurch Infant School community.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Tobin
Headteacher