



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

Headteacher: Mrs Tracey Trood
Chair of Governors: Mr David Williams

Bishops Lydeard Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Ofsted report has now been published. This is now available on our website via this link. [Ofsted Inspection Report October 2018](#). It will also be available on the Ofsted website from the 16th November.

The judgements that can be given are Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3) or Inadequate (4)

We are very pleased that recent improvements in the school have been recognised by the inspection team and that this has been reflected in the school being lifted out of the previous 'inadequate' judgement. This is the first report since our school became a part of the Bath & Wells Multi Academy Trust and the report acknowledges that change is already underway and that our school is making progress towards ensuring high quality teaching and learning for the children of Bishops Lydeard.

Some highlights of the report include:

- The interim headteacher's strong leadership has already brought about improvement to the school. Parents recognise and value the changes made by the interim headteacher.*
- There are clear signs of improvement across the school.*
- Safeguarding is effective, and pupils feel safe in school.*
- Most pupils conduct themselves well around the school, are polite, welcoming and well mannered*
- The majority of parents and carers say that their children are happy, well looked after and cared for at school. Parents are pleased with the improvements they are seeing under the leadership of the interim headteacher.*
- Most disadvantaged pupils across the school achieve well.*
- Leaders strongly promote pupils' spiritual moral, social and cultural development through the school's values.*
- Pupils also said they liked school and that staff are kind and are always there to help.*

The report identifies a number of areas that, although they have been accurately identified and action taken, still require further improvement to ensure consistency across the school.



These include:

- strengthening systems of communicating with parents, so that parents' concerns are addressed in a timely fashion.
- ensuring the quality of teaching and learning is consistently strong and supporting middle leaders to check on and influence improvements in teaching.
- ensuring pupils are sufficiently challenged in their learning and incidents of low level disruption are eliminated.
- improving attendance.
- improving our Early Years provision.

Staff, governors and the central team of the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust will be working with you as parents to develop a rigorous action plan that will support our continued drive for high quality teaching and learning.

The Ofsted team found that senior and middle leaders are already benefitting from the professional development opportunities and support being provided by the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust. The staff, governors and the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust are aware of the strengths and areas for development and we are working together to continue to make improvements. We are all determined to deliver the highest standard of education for the children of Bishops Lydeard Church School.

We now look forward and will continue to address the areas for improvement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your on-going help and support and also to thank the staff, governors and children for their hard work and dedication.

We are fully committed to working together on this rapid journey of school improvement.

If you would like a paper copy of the report please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey Trood." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tracey Trood
Interim Headteacher