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## **BISHOPS LYDEARD CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATES OFSTED MILESTONE**



Inspectors from the education watchdog Ofsted have rated Bishops Lydeard Church School in Somerset as Good in all areas.

This is a significant milestone in the journey of improvement for the village school, which is part of the Bath & Wells Multi Academy Trust.

Headteacher Lisa Harvey said: "We are delighted that Ofsted has recognised the strengths of our school and judged the education we provide to be good. We are grateful for the support our whole community – families, staff, governors and the trust – gives our wonderful

children. Together we will build on this success to improve the experience of learning at Bishops Lydeard Church School even further.”

After visiting the school on September 27-28, the two inspectors judged it to be Good for quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and early years provision.

They said pupils felt happy and safe in school and were adamant that “everyone is welcome”.

“The school’s values of ‘respect, endurance, friendship’ are lived up to by pupils,” the Ofsted report said.

“Pupils are proud to take on roles of responsibility, such as play leaders and eco- councillors. They are confident to express their own opinions and recognise the importance of listening to others. Pupils value the opportunity to play musical instruments and represent their school at sporting events. Their personal development, talents and interests are nurtured well.”

Other highlights listed for the 139-pupil school included:

- Children in the early years get off to a flying start
- Staff nurture the love of reading through carefully chosen books
- Staff have consistently high expectations of pupils’ behaviour
- The well-being of pupils, parents and staff has a high profile at the school
- Appropriate support is put in place swiftly for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities.

Bishops Lydeard Church School was last inspected in October 2018, when its provision was found to require improvement.

Mrs Harvey added: “We are all feeling extremely proud of our children, who were very clear in telling the inspectors what life is like for them at our school. It is a delight to see this reflected in the Ofsted report.”