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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share our latest Ofsted report

I am incredibly proud to share the final report following the recent inspection of Kingfisher CE Academy.

Whilst inspections inevitably focus on standards, systems and outcomes, what matters most to us is what the report says about our children and their experience of school. At Kingfisher, every decision we make is guided by our vision of **"Discovering and Learning Together, so all can Flourish"**, and it was wonderful to see this reflected throughout the report. 'We were inspected under the new Ofsted framework, which assesses schools more rigorously across a wider range of areas. The 'Expected Standard' represents a higher bar than the previous overall 'Good' judgement, and, as you will know, Kingfisher did not meet this standard at its previous inspection. I am therefore delighted to share and celebrate with you that Kingfisher was judged to be **meeting the Expected Standard in every area**. This is a significant achievement and a powerful recognition of the fantastic place Kingfisher is to learn, grow and succeed. It reflects the hard work, commitment and ambition of the whole school community, and is something we can all be incredibly proud of.'

Inspectors recognised that Kingfisher is a place where children feel safe, valued and happy. They noted that:

"Pupils enjoy coming to Kingfisher CE Academy. They describe the school as a fun place to learn."

They also found that Kingfisher has *"an open and positive culture of safeguarding"*, with pupils feeling safe and well supported.

We were particularly pleased that inspectors recognised our commitment to ensuring every child belongs and can succeed. They noted that:

"Inclusion is a golden thread that runs across the school."

This is something that sits at the heart of our work. We believe that every child is unique, with their own strengths, talents and needs. We strive to remove barriers, nurture confidence and provide the support children need to thrive academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

The report celebrates the positive start children receive at Kingfisher, recognising that:

"Children get off to a great start in the early years."

It also recognises the ambitious curriculum that has been developed since the previous inspection, noting that:

"With the support of the trust, they have significantly improved the curriculum since the last inspection. The curriculum is more ambitious."

We are particularly proud that inspectors recognised the support provided for pupils with SEND, disadvantaged pupils and those facing additional challenges. Their acknowledgement of the tailored support these children receive reflects our determination to ensure that every child is known, recognised and given the opportunity to flourish.

The report also highlights the many opportunities children have to develop beyond the classroom, recognising how they become:



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"responsible, respectful and active citizens."

As a Church of England school, we want children to leave Kingfisher not only with strong academic foundations, but also with the character, confidence, compassion and resilience needed to make a positive difference in the world around them.

We were also pleased that inspectors recognised the ambition that drives our school community, stating that:

"Leaders and trustees have a clear and ambitious vision, which centres on achieving the best possible outcomes for every child."

For us, this ambition is about ensuring every child is able to flourish, regardless of their starting point, background or individual needs.

Celebrating our SIAMS Inspection

Earlier this year, we welcomed our first SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection.

We were delighted that the inspector concluded:

"Kingfisher Church of England Academy is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish."

The SIAMS report recognised the strength of our Christian vision, our culture of inclusion, the quality of Religious Education, the impact of collective worship and chaplaincy, and our commitment to the wellbeing of both pupils and staff.

Parents can view the full SIAMS report here:

[Kingfisher CE Academy SIAMS Report](#)

Looking Ahead

As a school that opened in 2021, we are proud of how far we have come in a relatively short period of time. This report reflects the dedication of our pupils, staff, governors, trustees, parents and the wider community who work together to make Kingfisher such a special place.

However, we know that the most effective schools never stand still. The inspection has helpfully identified areas where we can continue to strengthen our provision, including aspects of assessment, handwriting and letter formation, and ensuring consistently high-quality interactions in the early years. We welcome this feedback and have already woven these priorities into our ongoing school improvement work.

Our focus remains unchanged. We want every child who walks through our doors to feel known, loved, challenged and inspired. We want them to develop a lifelong love of learning, to discover their unique gifts and to leave Kingfisher ready to flourish in the next stage of their journey.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we will continue discovering and learning together, so that all can flourish.

Yours sincerely,

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