



Birmingham Diocesan Board of Education

Statement from the Director of Education

"If you are considering a school for your child, my advice is simple: come and visit Christ Church"

Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a family. While published information can be helpful, there is no substitute for visiting a school, meeting the staff, seeing children learning and experiencing the atmosphere for yourself.

I would encourage any family considering Christ Church to arrange a visit. Talk to the staff, look around the classrooms and see first-hand the community that exists today. Families who visit often gain a fuller picture of a school than any report can provide.

The published Ofsted report reflects the school as it was over 18 months ago. Since then, the school has undergone significant change under the leadership of its current Headteacher and staff team.

As Diocesan Director of Education, I have had the opportunity to see the school's journey over recent months. I have witnessed strong leadership, a clear commitment to improvement and a determination from staff, governors and trust leaders to provide the very best education and care for every child.

More children are attending school regularly, behaviour has improved significantly and academic outcomes across a number of year groups have risen strongly. More children are reaching the standards expected for their age and are better prepared for the next stage of their education. The school is creating an environment where children learn well, develop confidence and are able to thrive both academically and personally.

Most importantly, there is a strong focus on ensuring that every child is known, valued and supported to flourish. This is evident not only in the improvements being made, but also in the care, ambition and commitment shown by the staff team each day.

Ofsted inspections provide an important external assessment, and any future inspection will reach its own independent conclusions. However, I have been encouraged by the progress that has been made and by the ambition and sense of purpose driving the school forward.

Schools are not defined solely by a single report. They are living communities that grow, develop and improve over time. This school is on a positive journey, and I am confident that families who visit will find a caring, ambitious and welcoming community where children are thriving and the future is full of promise.

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