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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to announce the Venerable Bede Church of England Academy (The Dayspring Trust) is a **GOOD** school in every category! (Ofsted June 2016) Our report is now available on the academy website and will be available on the Ofsted official website by the end of the week.

Here are a few of the headlines:

- Pupils currently in the school are making strong and sustained progress across a wide range of subjects....This vision is coupled with a determination to ensure good teaching delivers good academic outcomes for all.
- Effective recruitment and ongoing training and development of teachers are securing better outcomes for pupils currently in the school.
- A strength of the wider curriculum is the promotion of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Leaders make effective use of additional funding for disadvantaged pupils and the Year 7 catch-up funding.
- Good analysis of attendance information means leaders have begun to target additional resources at improving the attendance of disadvantaged pupils in key stage 4. These initiatives are having a positive impact.
- Lessons are typified by positive, respectful relationships and purposeful learning. In many lessons, teachers employ a wide range of strategies to engage pupils and ensure the pace of work is kept high. Teachers in these lessons ask probing questions to check understanding. Their good subject knowledge ensures their questions challenge and stretch the most able pupils to think deeply and provide extended responses.
- Teachers' marking and feedback contributes effectively to the strong and sustained progress of the majority of pupils.



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- The quality of teaching is good...lessons are typified by positive, respectful and purposeful learning. Teachers' marking and feedback contributes effectively to the strong and sustained progress of the majority of pupils.
- At social times, pupils' behaviour is of a high order. The school's Christian values ensure pupils develop a tangible sense of mutual respect, tolerance and consideration for one another.

The report does outline some development areas, which we have already started to action:

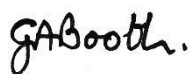
- To improve teaching in order to raise levels of achievement further.
- To further improve attendance, especially the attendance of disadvantaged pupils.
- To improve the quality of leadership and management regarding marking and feedback, evaluation of pupil premium and catch-up funding, and to ensure that recent improvements are maintained and developed in science and English.

Overall, we are delighted with the report and particularly pleased that the work that our pupils do and the way they conduct themselves has been celebrated. The report highlights that our pupils are living our mission statement: "To create a stimulating, secure and caring environment within which all members of our community will realise their potential in the light of the Christian Gospel."


Thank you for your support throughout the process; we really appreciate it.

Please do contact us if you have any further questions.

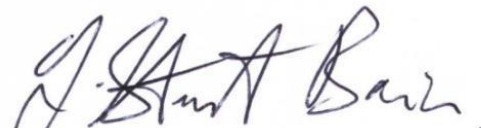
With best regards



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