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Dear Parents and Carers,

In June last year, Bishop Cornish CofE VA Primary School was inspected under the new Ofsted framework. Due to concerns regarding the conduct of one of the inspectors, we have been awaiting the outcome of an investigation before sharing the report with our school community. While I am unable to discuss the investigation itself, I am now pleased to share the key findings of the report with you.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support and for the many positive comments you provided as part of the inspection process. The report recognises the strong relationships that exist between home and school and notes that the vast majority of parents and carers are supportive of the school.

Key Strengths Recognised by Ofsted

The inspection team highlighted many areas of strength across our school, particularly our caring ethos and commitment to supporting the whole child.

A Safe, Nurturing and Inclusive Environment

Inspectors found that:

- Staff treat pupils with kindness, care and compassion.
- Pupils feel safe, attend regularly and build lasting friendships.
- Trusted adults listen to pupils and support them with any worries.
- The school's warm and welcoming ethos encourages positive attendance and wellbeing.
- Pupils develop into respectful, responsible and confident young people.

The report particularly praised our work in promoting pupils' personal development, wellbeing and mental health. Inspectors recognised the significant impact of our pastoral support, noting that pupils' personal, social and emotional needs are identified quickly and supported effectively from Reception through to Year 6.

Personal Development Opportunities

Ofsted highlighted the many opportunities pupils receive to broaden their experiences, including:

- Enterprise projects and charity fundraising activities.
- Educational visits and residential experiences.



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- Musical and sporting performances.
- A wide range of extra-curricular clubs.
- Opportunities to develop leadership and responsibility.

Inspectors recognised that pupils develop a strong understanding of values such as justice, respect, individuality and healthy relationships. They noted that children learn how to stay safe, including online, and gain a strong awareness of their role as positive members of society.

Behaviour, Attendance and Relationships

The report acknowledged that:

- Pupils generally behave well and demonstrate maturity and responsibility.
- Bullying is rare.
- Staff support pupils effectively in recognising and managing their emotions.
- Attendance systems are robust and effective.
- Overall attendance is in line with national expectations, with persistent absence reducing.

Early Years Provision

Inspectors noted that children in Reception:

- Play happily and behave well.
- Develop secure relationships with adults.
- Build strong social skills.
- Benefit from carefully planned learning opportunities that develop vocabulary, communication and understanding.

Our Early Years outcomes are a particular strength, with **80% of children achieving their Early Learning Goals**, significantly above the national average.

Leadership and Governance

Inspectors acknowledged that leaders:

- Know pupils and families well.
- Work closely with external professionals to support children and families.



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- Prioritise staff wellbeing and workload.
- Have accurately identified areas requiring improvement.
- Remain committed to continuous school improvement.

Governors were praised for their commitment to the school and their support in maintaining the school's strong Christian ethos and vision.

Areas for Development Identified by Ofsted

Our Next Steps

While we are delighted that Ofsted recognised the many strengths of Bishop Cornish, we remain firmly committed to continuous improvement. Our priorities over the coming year are clear and align closely with the areas identified in the report.

We will:

- Continue to improve the consistency and quality of teaching across all classes, ensuring that every pupil benefits from engaging lessons and high expectations.
- Embed the successful new mathematics curriculum and apply the lessons learned to other areas of the curriculum.
- Ensure that strategies and adaptations for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) are implemented consistently in every classroom.
- Continue to raise attainment and progress for ALL pupils, while maintaining our strong focus on inclusion and wellbeing.
- Further develop our use of pupil premium funding to accelerate academic achievement for disadvantaged pupils.
- Build on our strong Early Years provision to ensure children continue to get the very best possible start to their education.

Importantly, many of these actions were already underway at the time of the inspection. We are pleased that the improvements made since then are already being reflected in pupils' outcomes, particularly in our most recent end of Key Stage 2 results, which show attainment well above national averages in several areas.

Our ambition remains unchanged: to provide an education where every child flourishes academically, socially and emotionally. We are confident that the foundations recognised by Ofsted, combined with the improvements already implemented, place us in a strong position to continue moving forward.



Progress Since the Inspection

I am delighted to report that, through the hard work and dedication of both our staff and pupils, outcomes have risen significantly since the inspection.

2025/26 End of Key Stage 2 Results

Subject	Bishop Cornish	National Average
Reading	92% Expected Standard 32% Greater Depth	75% Expected Standard 31.1% Greater Depth
Mathematics	80% Expected Standard 28% Greater Depth	75% Expected Standard 27.2% Greater Depth
SPaG	76% Expected Standard 24% Greater Depth	74% Expected Standard 30.4% Greater Depth
Writing	76% Expected Standard 20% Greater Depth	73% Expected Standard 13.2% Greater Depth
Combined Reading, Writing & Maths	76% Expected Standard 8% Greater Depth	63% Expected Standard 8.6% Greater Depth

These results demonstrate the significant progress being made and reflect the impact of the work undertaken across the school.

In addition, the complete refurbishment of the early Years classroom and outdoor area is complete and will provide more opportunities for the children to flourish emotionally, and academically.

Looking Ahead

While we are proud of the many strengths identified by Ofsted in the report, which is now live on their website, and the improvements we have achieved since the inspection, we remain ambitious for every child. We will continue to build upon our nurturing culture while ensuring that the quality of teaching, learning and curriculum provision matches the exceptional support we provide for pupils' personal development and wellbeing.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. The positive aspects highlighted in the report are a reflection of our wonderful pupils, dedicated staff, supportive governors and committed families working together.



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We look forward to continuing this journey and ensuring that every child at Bishop Cornish flourishes both academically and personally.

Yours sincerely,

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