

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Statement from the Head Teacher

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, I am delighted to announce Corbridge Church of England First School has been recognised as a GOOD school.

We have achieved so much in the short time since we established our team back in September 2014 including:

- establishing secure, effective leadership and management
- raising standards in the Early Years and the teaching of phonics
- achieving good and outstanding progress for all pupil groups in Literacy and Mathematics
- achieving consistently good teaching and learning
- ensuring all children can be their best socially, emotionally and academically
- working in partnership with parents and improving communication

In summer 2014 the percentage of children achieving the expected level in the National Year One Phonics Screening was 64%. By summer 2015 96% of the pupils achieved the expected level which is an outstanding result. The national average was recorded as 77% showing we are now in the highest performing schools nationally.

In our Early Years in summer 2014, the Good Level of Development (GLD) for CFS Early Years was reported as 24% which was well below the national average. By summer 2015 our reported Early Years' results recorded 80% of children achieving a Good Level of Development at the end of their Reception year, which is an impressive achievement.

The national average GLD is 60% so we are very proud of our children's attainment which is well above the national average. Our results show the Early Years' journey is well underway. The children entered Year One this autumn fully prepared to continue in positive learning through our secure provision. Our expectation now is to build on this success and further increase the GLD and develop our setting. We recognise our Early Years requires improvement. We are committed and well equipped to ensure our progress continues in this area in the coming year.

Our school action plan, which was established prior to the inspection, includes the three key areas which the Ofsted inspection agreed are the areas that need to be developed to take us forward to become an outstanding school.

Corbridge Church of England First School is now in a very strong position with focused leadership and management and a skilled, dedicated team of practitioners and staff who are all committed to achieving the best we can be.

I am honoured to be the Head Teacher of Corbridge CE First School and I am dedicated to serving the whole school community. Our children enjoy their learning and are proud to be part of the family we have established.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support which has been so valuable in helping us move forward during the last 18 months. An important aspect of any outstanding school is working in partnership with both the parents and the community.

With our vision and capacity for continued development firmly established, I feel privileged to continue to lead the school on our journey to be outstanding.