

Press statement

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Central CE Academy is no longer Inadequate and has been judged ‘Good’ for leadership and ‘Good’ for behaviour by Ofsted.

Ofsted report:

“The determined efforts of leaders and staff have led to improvements in all areas”

“The headteacher, well supported by other leaders, has rekindled the spirit of the school. As a result, pupils say that they feel that the school trusts and cares for them. Pupils in the school value the support and attention they now receive. Leaders have worked with staff to create a compassionate atmosphere based on positive and respectful relationships. Now, pupils behave well because they are well cared for” **Ofsted, March 2019**

Further good news is that the school has also been judged as a ‘Good’ in all areas in their Church School Inspection last month:

“All in the school community value the inclusivity of the vision and being part of a caring school family. Through the consistent modelling of the school’s vision and values the headteacher has been key in the recent transformation of the school. Under his leadership with the support of senior leaders, the governing body (executive core group) and the multi-academy trust (DCAT) there has been a thorough drive to raise standards in the last year. This has resulted in significant improvement in pupil progress.” **Church School Inspection, April 2019**

The culture has been transformed and the children have recently championed the academy in an interview with the local radio station. This was reinforced by Ofsted *“Pupils are safe and happy, the school is calm. Pupils are sensible, caring and well behaved”*.

Mark Talbot, the Chief Executive of DCAT commented *“As a Trust, we are pleased that the determined efforts of all involved have transformed the culture and the quality of education at the school. We will now work together to achieve our target of Outstanding at the next full inspection”*.

With numbers growing at the school the Headteacher, Richard Hall, invites all prospective parents/carers to visit the academy and see the transformation and the school in action. Please contact the school to arrange a tour.

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Note to editors:

The local radio station news article with comments from the pupils can be located using the following link: <https://www.spiritfm.net/news/sussex-news/2817441/chichester-school-bounces-back-from-worst-in-west-sussex-rating/>

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