

19th December 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to provide some clarification to the current discussion around the publication of the Department for Education league tables last week.

The results published in the Department for Education league tables show the outcomes for the year 6 cohort 2017/2018 to be much lower than in previous years. Our assessment tracking process and knowledge of the children had predicted this dip for this specific cohort of children.

Each cohort of children is unique and subject to many variables that can impact upon attainment outcomes, for example; Special Educational Needs, English as an additional language, mobility (year of joining our school).

At Christ Church we have children who are within these groups and the number varies within each cohort. The results reported include all children regardless of their time spent at Christ Church and the additional needs or barriers to learning they may have.

We recognise that our results this year do not meet our usual high standards in line or above national average. However, predictions for 2018/2019 show our results to be significantly higher than outcomes for 2018 and reflective of the high aspirations we hold for each and every pupil. To put the 2018 outcomes in context over the last three years please see overleaf or visit our school website, test results page - https://christchurch.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/168955.

The Governors and Senior Leadership Team work with an external School Improvement Advisor who ensures that our priorities, monitoring and evaluation focus on pupil outcomes. We are not a complacent school and actively plan and prepare to meet the challenges faced by the Education sector to ensure we can meet the needs of the children who wish to attend and learn at our school.

We are all very proud of our school and community. External inspections endorse the standard of education and rich curriculum we provide for our children. Last year's Year 6 children were well prepared for their transition to secondary school and we receive excellent feedback from the secondary sector about the independence and readiness for learning demonstrated by Christ Church children. Equally, Year 6 children last year, seeking places at independent schools, were successful with their applications.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Clare Jones'.

Clare Jones
Head Teacher

KS2 SATs results 3 year trend

Number of pupils in 2016 = 32

Number of pupils in 2017 = 48

Number of pupils in 2018 = 45

Reading, writing and maths combined

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard or higher:

	2016	2017	2018
School	71.88	72.92	55.56
Local authority average	54.00	61.10	62.29
National average	53.38	61.14	64.35

Percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard:

	2016	2017	2018
School	6.25	27.08	4.44
Local authority average	6.66	10.17	10.36
National average	5.39	8.69	9.84

Percentage of pupils achieving expected standard in reading, writing and maths, 2016-2018 average:

School	Local authority average	National average
66.40	59.23	59.72