



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

'Little oasis of happiness by the sea'.

I am delighted to be able to write to you to say that the recent Catholic School Inspection (CSI) report is now available on our school website and will be released on the Brentwood Diocese website in the next few days.

The report includes, *'All pupils at St Joseph's are celebrated, included and cherished. They all know and believe that they will thrive and be safe in their school, which is full of happiness.'*

The diocese came to confirm that we remain a 'good' school and still offer a 'good' Catholic education, as per our previous 2017 inspection. I am delighted that the diocese agree that we do remain overall a 'good' school but also provide 'outstanding' Catholic Life in Mission.

This inspection followed on from our Ofsted inspection in May, where Ofsted agree that we do remain a good school. This was a statutory inspection, which all Church schools must have. Our Diocese provided the inspectors. They looked at everything to do with the Catholic character of the school, including leadership, religious education, worship, moral and spiritual development, and links with local Catholic community.

The inspectors observed lessons and acts of worship, talked to staff and pupils, analysed data and discuss emerging issues with senior managers. The inspection culminates in a written report that now available on our website. The overall purpose of this Catholic School inspection (also known as Section 48) is to answer the question: 'How distinctive and effective is the school as a Catholic school?'

The inspection and ensuing report comment on and grade three areas of school life:

- Catholic Life and Mission
- Religious Education
- Collective Worship (Prayer and Liturgy)

Our report reflects the dedication and passion our staff have for our children. The report states: *'Staff are deeply committed and extraordinarily proud to be part of the school community, where the Catholic ethos shines through each of them.'*

Well-being is top priority at St Joseph's for all pupils and for their families. *'The pastoral care provided by staff is exceptional as they know the families well and foster positive relationships that support pupils, parents and carers.'*

The report is very detailed and highlights all the elements of good provision at St Joseph's that can be celebrated thanks to the dedication and hard-work of teachers, support staff and leader.

The report identifies next steps for improvement. What is positive is that the area suggested - assessment in the foundation curriculum - was already identified by school leaders and forms part of the existing school development plan. We are excited to continue to move the school onwards and upwards!

I would like to thank all those who took part in the inspection, staff, governors, parents and children alike.

I do hope you take the opportunity to read our report in full, share it with your family and friends and celebrate with us. The report represents a school that not only remains good but also reflects our core values - children at the heart, Christ at the centre.

With kind regards,

Mrs. Samantha Golding
Head teacher

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