



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

'This is a school full of happiness'

I am delighted to be able to write to you to say that the recent Ofsted inspection report is now available on our school website and will be released on the Ofsted website in the next few days.

Ofsted write, **'This is a school full of happiness. Pupils and staff enjoy being members of this tight-knit community where every child is cherished.'**

As I have previously written, you will know that this was what is called a 'short' or an ungraded inspection, Ofsted came to confirm that we remain a good school, as per our previous 2017 inspection. I'm delighted that Ofsted agree that we do remain a good school. Despite being a short inspection, the process was very detailed and rigorous. It is important to note that the Ofsted framework has changed since our previous inspection and 'Good' is a far higher benchmark than in the past.

In addition there has been much challenge to overcome in the recent past including: not just the impact of Covid, but less funding has been available to meet educational needs and this impacts directly on school services. In this context, what we achieve at St Joseph's, as a small school, as has been recognised by Ofsted, is remarkable!

Some notable headlines from Ofsted...

Our report reflects the high priority that has been given to ambitious curriculum design. Ofsted write: 'Leaders have designed a curriculum that is broad and ambitious. They have high expectations of what pupils can achieve and make sure that the work given interests and engages pupils. Pupils are of the view that school is fun as well as challenging.'

Well-being is top priority at St Joseph's for pupils and for staff. 'Leaders, including governors, listen to staff and pay attention to their well-being. They work as a team to support each other with workload. Pupils' holistic development is a priority. Pupils value diversity.'

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



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 reflects our core values - children at the heart, Christ at the centre.

With kind regards,

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Headteacher



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