



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents,

I have just received the final report following the graded inspection carried out by OFSTED on the 1st and 2nd of November 2022. The report covers the following areas, all of which were judged to be 'Good':

The Quality of Education – this includes the school's curriculum, the quality of teaching, the teaching of phonics and how pupils with additional needs are catered for.

Behaviour and attitudes – this refers to children's behaviour around the school, whether they feel safe and what their attitudes to learning are like.

Personal development – this refers to a variety of things around how the children see themselves and other people in the world and how well the school actively prepares them for the next stage of their education.

Leadership and management – this is a wide ranging section taking in how the school is led and managed at all levels, from Headteacher/Governor level to individual subjects leaders.

Early Years provision – this refers specifically to our Reception provision.

The report reflects so many of the good aspects they observed. I am particularly pleased that they have recognised the following:

- Pupils described their experiences at this school as 'joyful.'
- Pupils value their warm working relationships with staff.
- Leaders are ambitious for pupils' learning.
- Pupils are proud of the opportunities they are given to contribute to school life.
- Behaviour in the school is calm and orderly. Pupils are respectful and kind to each other.
- (For pupils with SEND) A range of additional support is provided, and this ensures that these pupils fully access the planned curriculum.

The report will be used to plan for future development and we look forward to building upon the many strengths that we already have in place.

I am pleased for all the children here at school that their hard work and their love for the school shone through during the inspection and is reflected in the many positive comments in the report. This has always been a very obvious feature of St Joseph's and was the major factor in my decision to apply for the headship post in the first place.

St. Joseph's is a joyful community which follows the example of Jesus, helping, accepting and respecting everyone, as we learn and grow together, safe in His love.



I also want to thank the staff who are so hard working and are the most wonderful colleagues. They rise to every challenge and are always willing to go above and beyond. The governors also had an important role to play and they will continue to challenge us to build from this good position.

A big thank you to our parents for all your ongoing support of the school community. Your responses to the parent surveys were extremely positive and I want to thank all of you who shared messages of support. The report also reflects the high level of support you give to your children and the successful partnership between home and school.

The report will be put onto the school website. OFSTED will upload the report to their website within the next 7 working days.

Preparations are well underway for the Christmas celebrations and I look forward to welcoming many of you to the various Nativities and concerts and the PFA Christmas Bazaar over the next couple of weeks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MRoss', with a stylized, cursive script.

Michael Ross
Head Teacher