

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Friday 3rd March 2023**RE: Ofsted report**

Dear parents and carers,

On behalf of the governing body, I am writing to you to express how delighted we are to receive our Ofsted report which highlights the many positive achievements of the school. We are thrilled that the strong Catholic ethos of the school and the wonderful behaviour of the children is highlighted. Our children are happy, enjoy coming to school and are well cared for.

The highly skilled and united staff are all working together to ensure high-quality provision of teaching and learning. All of our children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), attain at a high level in English and mathematics in all year groups. Additionally, our school provides wider opportunities for the children to enrich the curriculum further.

The report highlights the effectiveness of safeguarding and acknowledges that all staff are well-trained and vigilant in ensuring that our children are safe at all times.

Particularly gratifying are the comments around the strong, effective and innovative leadership at all levels within the school, which has the best interests of all children at heart. The Governors wish to thank Mrs. Yorke and all staff members for their loyalty, hard work and commitment to St. Mary's and are confident that the journey to further school improvement will continue, particularly in relation to further curriculum development.

It has been 13 years since our last inspection. In that time, there have been several revisions of the Ofsted inspection framework and criteria for judgements. Each revision has raised the expectation of what good education looks like. Therefore, the judgement that St. Mary's is a solidly good school makes us very proud.

Now we have had this validation of the school's effectiveness and success by Ofsted, we hope that our parents, who support us so well, in so many ways, will continue to endorse the work of the school and necessary changes that may need to take place.

We are very grateful for the many letters of congratulation we have already received from the Archdiocese, professional colleagues, parents and friends of the school.

Best wishes and thanks,

Mary Higgins

Chair of Governors

