



At St. Joseph's we live, love and learn by the example of Jesus

10 January 2025.

Dear Parents,

We are privileged today and extremely proud to finally bring you the outcome of the Ofsted inspection which took place last term. This was what is known as a Section 8 Inspection which essentially examines the progress we have made since our last graded inspection which was in April 2017.

So, whilst Ofsted does not record grading as part of this inspection the report notes that we have demonstrated **significant improvement** since its last inspection Ofsted has reported this week. As the school was last judged Good, this means OFSTED expect much if not all the provision to be **Outstanding**.

Our report reads exactly as it should ,with children coming first. It truly celebrates everything that St Joseph's stands for. It was a rigorous two days but an Inspection that was a joy to be a part of. We are incredibly proud of the whole report but of course there are more pertinent comments to summarise.

We are especially pleased with the comments on behaviour which is a credit to all of our pupils:

"Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. From the early years onwards, staff have clear expectations and well-established routines. Relationships are respectful. Pupils do the right thing because they know it is the right thing to do. Pupils are polite, kind and support one another. They enjoy social times and play happily."

Which is very clearly underpinned by what the inspectors observed, noting:

"Pupils are incredibly proud to be part of this welcoming and inclusive school. Pupils and families immerse themselves in all aspects of school life."

When it comes to education and learning the inspectors found that:

"The school has high expectations for what pupils can achieve. Pupils are keen, curious and inquisitive learners. They value the learning opportunities the school provides. This is reflected in lessons where pupils are diligent and highly engaged. Pupils achieve well across the curriculum."

For this we thank all staff members who have been a part of our curriculum journey over the last few years. All development and progress has taken time and commitment , we are blessed with staff who are and have been committed to change ,challenge and have had the passion to develop such a rich curriculum.

The school's curriculum is ambitious. Learning has been carefully sequenced with key knowledge and skills for pupils to learn identified. Deliberate thought has gone into making the curriculum meaningful for pupils. For example, the school's work on diversity and equality is woven meticulously through the academic curriculum to promote pupils' wider development.

They also recognised that our whole approach has positive outcomes beyond life in school.

The provision to prepare pupils for life beyond the school is exceptional. The wider opportunities and experiences are carefully mapped out. This enriches the taught curriculum and develops pupils' talents and interests. The eight school values guide pupils to become positive citizens of society.

We are extremely proud that all the hard work of the pupils, staff and Governors with the support of the Trust, has been recognised. St Joseph's is and always has been a strong community and we thank you, our parents for your constant and consistent support of all school life.

We can now look forward to our next graded inspection in the next year to eighteen months. While there are changes and challenges ahead, we are committed as a Governing body and Leadership team to always ensure the very best for every child and that this be recognised once again at the next inspection.

The full report is attached.
It is also on our school website.

Yours sincerely,

B H O'Connor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M A McKay', enclosed within a hand-drawn triangular shape.

Mrs B H O'Connor & Mr M A McKay
Executive Head Teacher & Chair of Governors