Saint Joseph & Saint Teresa
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Together we live, learn, love'

Wednesday 15th January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to inform you that the Ofsted report from our inspection on 3rd and 4th December 2024 has now been released.

We are required to distribute a copy of the report to all parents of registered pupils, including those who do not live with the child; we will send it via email to every parent we have contact information for in our system. The report is attached and will also be published on the school and Ofsted website.

During their time in the school, the inspectors recognised the positive work that has taken place over the years by the school. The Ofsted report template is short and only captures a snapshot of the findings of an inspection, with a lot more detail given verbally to the school throughout the two-day process. Every school is given areas to develop and improve as part of the inspection process, and we have two targets to work towards to improve aspects of school life further, but there is also much in the report, and from the verbal inspection feedback, to be celebrated and proud of. This includes:

The pupils in the school are courteous and there is a calm and positive atmosphere in the school, the pupils strive to meet the high expectations that are set by all staff.

The pupils' behaviour is very good, they say that bullying is rare but when it happens it is dealt with by the adults. Attendance in the school is good.

Reading is a strength in the school, both in early reading and across the curriculum and the pupils share an enthusiasm for a love of reading.

The pupils with SEND are well catered for with staff making reasonable adjustments which enable them to access the full curriculum.

The curriculum is well planned and teacher subject knowledge is strong. There are many opportunities for the pupils to be involved in community activities such as national art competitions and the Harry Potter competition. There are also good links with Wells Cathedral School.

The school's extra-curricular offer is broad and there are many clubs the pupils can take part in.

The pupils enjoy the leadership opportunities that they are offered, this supports them in making positive contributions, help in their community and nurtures their talents.

Leaders in the school are welcoming and approachable and they take well being of all the school community into account.

The careers education of 'Start small, dream big' is impressive, it challenges stereo types, and is aspirational and ambitious for all.

I am sure like us, you are delighted with the report and the verbal feedback given. I feel it is a strong reflection of the school.

I would like to thank my staff for their continuous dedication to the pupils, to the pupils for continuing to be a delight to work with, for challenging themselves and being a credit to the school. Thank you to our parents for your ongoing support, challenge and the kindness that was particularly shown during the OFSTED inspection and all the encouraging words we received, it was appreciated so much. Finally thank you to the Governors and the Trust for their ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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