



St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School

Following In The Footsteps Of Christ

19th June 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please find enclosed a copy of the latest Ofsted report, following our inspection in May. It is very pleasing to read about the many positive aspects of our school. As this was an ungraded inspection, the report is relatively short and written in a style that is straight to the point.

There are many comments that I could pick out to highlight that, as a school, we are very proud of.

I would particularly like to draw your attention to the quote which states that "Pupils enjoy belonging to this happy school community. They are keen to come to school each day." I believe that this is a fantastic reflection on our school. The report also highlights that Leaders have high expectations of pupils' achievement and behaviour and that pupils behave impeccably.

It is pleasing to see that the next steps for the school, for further improvement, were already included within our own school development plan. This was reflected in the quote that "Governors have a secure view of the strengths and weaknesses of the school." In recent years, all schools have been on a journey of redesigning their wider curriculum to meet the latest curriculum requirements. The inspector concluded that in our school, "Leaders have designed an ambitious curriculum." and have reached the point where in almost all subjects the key learning is clearly structured and identified and subject leaders support staff to deliver this, so that children remember key concepts. Our two points for development relate to ensuring that this high level is also reflected in History and Geography. Through their monitoring process, our History and Geography subject leaders had already identified that there was too much content within these two subjects and had already begun the process of reducing the content to be taught from September 2023. This will make it easier for staff to spend more time teaching the key points in these two subjects and also easier for the children to recall the key knowledge as well. This plan had been shared with Governors earlier in the year, which again was seen as a strength by the inspector, as Leaders had already identified the "next steps" for further development. Over the coming months we will continue to focus on these development points to make our school even stronger.

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The Inspector was keen to point out that parents and all staff work very well together to ensure the best outcomes for the children in our care. Thank you also for the overwhelmingly positive questionnaires you provided on the Ofsted Parent View site and to those who spoke to the Lead Inspector at the school gate. The feedback we received from this was also really positive.

I would like to thank the children, staff, governors and parents for all of their hard work and dedication since the school's last inspection in 2018. This commitment has resulted in St. Paschal Baylon being the special place that it is, a school where children achieve well and are very happy to attend. This hard work and dedication has also made it possible to receive such a positive report.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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