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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Ofsted Inspection

As you are all aware, St Joseph's had a 2-day, graded full Section 5 Ofsted inspection in April 2023. The report is now available on our [website](#) and will be released on the Ofsted website within the next 2 weeks. If you would like a paper copy of the report, please contact the school office.

I am delighted to confirm that St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has maintained its 'Good' status.

The inspection was diligent and professionally undertaken with a very detailed and rigorous process, and I am very pleased that this is acknowledged. We were open and transparent around all aspects of school life and had much evidence to support the process. The outcomes match the criteria for a 'Good School', and all should be proud of this achievement. I would like to thank all those who took part in the inspection.

Grading explained

A grade is based on the Ofsted framework, where an assessment is made to establish whether criteria are met. These grades are then used to decide the overall school grade which is referred to as 'Overall effectiveness'. Our school was graded 'Good' in its overall effectiveness.

Overall school grading: Good

The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good

'Good' is a benchmark that is high under the current Ofsted framework. We are very pleased that the hard work undertaken by all in the school community has been recognised, including the systems in place, the reflective and driven nature of staff & governors, the commitment of the pupils and the rate at which the school makes progress, beyond that seen nationally.

The report itself is very detailed and highlights the many elements of good provision at St Joseph's Primary School including that **'...Leaders and staff are aspirational for all pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)' and '...Pupils are happy and enjoy school. This is because there are warm and caring relationships between adults and pupils.'** Inspectors also identified next steps needed to take the school forward. What is very satisfying is that all the areas listed were within the development plan prior to the inspection and were already at action stages.

I do hope that you take the time to read the inspection report in full, as it represents a school that is not only good, but one that aims to improve further, and always with the children at the heart of its work.

I am particularly pleased that Ofsted recognised the journey the school is on, which is to continue to improve, providing the best education we can for the children.

'Learn together and grow in God's love'

Aspiration - Compassion - Community - Faith - Respect - Responsibility



Once again, may I thank the whole school community, particularly all those involved in the inspection itself – the staff, governors, parents and carers and especially the children, who continue to provide a positive outlook and attitude to school life.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Yours faithfully,

Miss S Long
Headteacher