

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Love God and Love One Another'*



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Dear Parents,

You will be aware that the school was subject to an OFSTED inspection on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The details are included in the report.

As you will see we have received a grading of 3 in all areas and for the overall effectiveness of the school. Under the current OFSTED Framework, which has even higher expectations than previous frameworks, rather than being identified as satisfactory, the school is described as "requiring improvement." However the inspectors recognised: *'The appointment of the present headteacher at the start of the academic year has brought about much needed stability and staff morale is high. She is supported well by the newly appointed senior leadership team. Governors and staff share her drive to improve standards in the school quickly and raise expectations of what pupils can achieve.'* We cannot thank the staff and governors enough for all their support and hard work.

The report has come at a good time for the school and confirmed that the school is moving in the right direction in the improvements it has made. In all of the inspectors' comments there was nothing we did not know about and were not already addressing. Unfortunately the report has to reflect where we are now not where we are planning to be. Virtually all of the recommendations identified had already been recognised and are contained in our school development plan. As a result we are already making rapid progress on the school improvements identified by the inspectors.

The children were exceptional during the inspection: *"Pupil's behavior and positive attitudes in classrooms supports their learning. They are attentive, respond well to instructions and are willing to work hard"*. We are very proud of them all.

Thank you to you as parents and carers for your support and comments. It was noted that *"Parents and carers who spoke to inspectors, commented positively about the improvements in communication and engagement with the school"*

There is a real determination and commitment from staff and the governors to use the recommendations of this report to build further on the achievements already made since September, and we are pleased the report confirms we are heading in the right direction.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. C. Higgins Headteacher

Mr. A. Rogan Chair of Governors