



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**OFSTED INSPECTION – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Dear Parents,

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. **The full report will be published on the OFSTED website on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017.** However, we are allowed to inform parents and carers of the outcome in advance.

The grades that can be awarded are Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate. In recent years the term 'Requires Improvement' has replaced the previous grading of 'Satisfactory' in the new OFSTED inspections.

Previously the school was judged as 'Good' in September 2012. However, in this recent inspection, **the school was judged overall to be within the category of 'Requires Improvement'.**

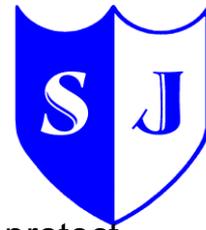
Having said that, the inspectors found many positive strengths within the school and were satisfied that the school is already making progress towards ensuring high quality teaching and learning for the children of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

OFSTED said that school leaders 'have a good grasp of what needs to be done and have actively sought advice to help steer the school on an upward path.'



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OFSTED also praised the work the school is doing to protect pupils and keep them safe and that a lot of work is done to support children's personal development and wellbeing.

Inspectors identified that behaviour, both in lessons and around the school, is good and recognised that children are polite, have good manners, show respect for others and are helpful and courteous.

Obviously, inspectors also highlighted a couple of **key areas which require improvement**.

These include:

- improving the overall quality of teaching across school – there is some good teaching but it is inconsistent
- pupils across school from EYFS to Y6 need to make better progress in the core area of maths and staff need to monitor progress more closely

It is obviously very disappointing for all members of staff that the outcome of the inspection has found that the school requires improvement and will undoubtedly be very disappointing for you as parents also. However, it must be said that **all staff in school are committed to providing the best education for the children of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School**. To a certain extent, the outcome of the inspection was not a surprise given the turbulent and unsettled couple of years the school has experienced.

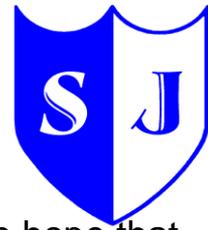
With the publication of the report, now is the time to look forward and continue to address the issues that you as parents are most concerned about – that is, ensuring that **the children of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School receive the high quality education that they deserve in a safe environment where all**



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**children are supported to reach their potential.** We hope that you, as parents, will continue to support us with this aim.

I would like to really thank all parents who went onto Parent View and filled out the questionnaire about the school. The results were really positive and it has given all the staff, including myself, a great deal of confidence and motivation to feel that you are fully behind the school. For that I really thank you. As before the inspection, we are still 100% committed to doing the very best for your children. Thanks again for your support

Yours sincerely,

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