

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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I am incredibly pleased to attach a copy of our recent OFSTED Report, following our inspection on 16th and 17th April. As you will see, the Inspection Team have judged our school to be **OUTSTANDING** in all areas.

Throughout the Ofsted Inspection – both the feedback on Day 1 and 2, together with the final report – St. Joseph's strong Catholic ethos and Catholic Faith in Action shone through. Our children's awareness of their faith and our school community's devotion to the common good were commended highly. Ofsted Inspectors felt that we showed clear and evident links to the world around us, demonstrating inclusion and generosity of spirit in everything we do while also unstinting in our dedication to provide the very best education for our children. Our community links with different cultures and religious organisations were highlighted and celebrated accordingly.

The enrichment and breadth of our curriculum offer – school trips across galleries and museums in London, our wide range of after school clubs, bespoke enrichment teaching sessions on history of art, current affairs or drama – were all highlighted positively. Ofsted Inspectors were impressed and indeed full of praise for our children's enthusiasm and love of learning as a result of our enriching curriculum. Ofsted Inspectors added that developing pupils' character through enrichment is integral to our curriculum. Many of our teachers also lead subjects across the school and their in depth subject knowledge was evident to the Inspection Team with the positive impact of the same duly noted in our children's books and in the pupil interviews conducted over the two days.

With that in mind, I would like to pay particular thanks to those of you who contributed so positively towards this OUTSTANDING grade.

Firstly, I must thank the children for their OUTSTANDING behaviour, attitude and hard work. These attributes are found every single day in our school and this report is a reflection of a typical day here at St. Joseph's. Indeed, Ofsted Inspectors stated that excellent behaviour and rich personal development for children in our school is in the very DNA of the building. My thanks to all our parents and families who completed the parent survey on the Ofsted portal. Your comments were incredibly positive and supportive of the education we provide and indeed, you, as parents are part of.

My thanks to all of the staff for your continued dedication to our children. Teaching was highly commended during the inspection, as was the caring and nurturing manner in which our school runs, on a daily basis. Inspectors praised our staff members for their determination to ensure that **all** children are offered engaging experiences for spiritual, moral, social, religious and academic growth. Ofsted inspectors commented that our curriculum is broad and ambitious for all with a clear aim for **all** pupils to succeed. This was clear and evident in all staff members. Additionally, I would like to express my appreciation to Fr. Kevin, Fr. Alex and Sr. Brigid for their continued support and for our strong parish links which were clearly evident in all of the pupil interviews where children demonstrated their love for their faith as well as their

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engagement in the beliefs of others. Ofsted inspectors noted that the children are clear about the positivity of people coming from different parts of the world and coming from different backgrounds. They also highlighted the fact that the school has lots of charitable opportunities for children to develop as respectful citizens and that the Catholic ethos is embedded in the school and permeates everything we do.

Lastly, I would like to thank members of our Local Governing Body and members of the St. John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust. All Governors were incredibly supportive of our school, my thanks to our Chair, Mark Cramphorn and Dionne Thomas in particular.

I must also extend my thanks and appreciation to Mrs Karen Wyatt, who, as Primary lead, has supported all of the staff wonderfully since our inclusion within the trust. My thanks also to Mr Paul Stubbings, who as CEO of the SJSCAT has offered invaluable support and advice to both Mr Bowles and I. Indeed, Mr Stubbings, on behalf of the SJSCAT Board of Trustees, has asked me to congratulate our whole school community on this wonderful result. Parents, while my thanks are heartfelt and sincere, please note that, without your continued support, the **OUSTANDING** curriculum provision at St. Joseph's would not be possible. Indeed, over the last few weeks, I have been asked by parents for information on our **Live Life to the Full Fund**. As a school, we rely on regular monthly donations. The latter help us to plan for the medium term and provide additional, much needed financial security for our school. As many of you are aware, we have seen a fall in Government Funding for many years now. Parental donations are always incredibly welcome in order to offer the very best that we can and to ensure that our children continue to receive the **OUSTANDING** learning experience at St. Joseph's. I would ask all families to consider what they can give and pledge to do so accordingly.

Thank you for your generosity

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