



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parent/ Guardian/ Carer,

OfSTED report

We have now received our report from OfSTED who came to visit us just before Christmas. I can confirm to you all now that **we remained a GOOD School** following this latest check-up and that next time OfSTED come, they will be undertaking a full inspection to ensure that what we are doing continues to be in-line with new national expectations and that we have embedded what we have started over the last couple of years during the pandemic.

As this was a check-up the report does not go into lots of detail, so I thought I would provide you all with a summary of what was said on the day and what is in the report.

Before I do, I just want to say that when the inspector arrived, I told her that the best thing about St Paulinus is the children. I told her that they are all absolute gems that make this school a great place to be and I can tell you now that the children showed her just that. The inspector was overwhelmed at how polite the children were, how willing to talk to her they were, how well-behaved they were and she loved how they could talk so openly about enjoying being a part of the St Paulinus family. She felt that all St Paulinus does for pupil welfare and pupil development was really strong and that their behaviour and attitudes to learning were also strong. I am so proud of each and every one of them and they all deserve a little treat for doing so well and impressing our visitor so much!

Strengths of the school identified verbally and in the report:

- ✓ Behaviour and attitudes of the pupils, including how they interact with one another and with adults
- ✓ Pupil personal development
- ✓ Safeguarding
- ✓ Nurture support and support for parents – parents told the inspector that school goes above and beyond for the pupils and their parents
- ✓ Learning meets the ambition of the national curriculum
- ✓ Curriculum planned to prepare pupils for later life, one that enables pupils to develop key morals and values
- ✓ Leaders of all levels know the school well and are actively making improvements where improvements are needed
- ✓ Staff are teaching the maths and the phonics programmes with fidelity
- ✓ Staff and leaders are addressing the impact of COVID and taking steps to support the children in catching up in their learning.
- ✓ Leaders have taken steps to address areas of concern from over the last 2 years and these are now ready to be embedded
- ✓ Pupils confidence at discussing their learning and their understanding of key aspects of the curriculum e.g. bullying and describing how Staff support and tackle this rapidly

OfSTED also left us with 3 key actions to work on before they return and these will form the focus of our school development plan for the next couple of years until they are firmly embedded:

- Ensure that the phonics programme is fully embedded and that modelling of sounds and decoding is consistent amongst all adults at all levels.

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- Ensure that all teaching and learning is pitched to move learners forward and to develop teacher confidence in adapting work to the needs of the pupils following the pandemic.
- Ensure that all foundation subject long term plans are specific and detailed to enable teacher confidence in planning and assessment and to ensure consistency of approach year on year e.g. outlining exactly which river the children will learn about in Geography rather than allowing the teacher to creatively choose.

The 2 day process was a good experience for St Paulinus and we used it as a great opportunity to assess where we were up to on our journey of improvement and the outcome has helped confirm that we are on the right journey, doing the right things and it has renewed our focus. The leaders of the school at all levels, are determined to continue our journey in creating a school of excellence that will benefit not only our current pupils, but also children in years to come. If you would like to read the full report you can find it on our website and on the school app.

Well done St Paulinus, you have worked so hard on getting to this point and we have made rapid progress since September following the 2 years of broken education. If we keep on this path, I am sure we will impress any and all visitors that come to see us over the next few years and I am sure that all children will benefit from all the plans we have for improvement. I am proud of everyone in the St Paulinus community – we are working together to achieve our vision!

Thank you for your continued support of the school,

Miss Hayes