



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

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‘Where Every Heart is Sacred’

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you our final Ofsted report following the inspection of our school last month. A copy of the full report is attached and is also available on our school [website](#) as well as the Ofsted [website](#).

The inspection team recognised what a very special place our school is, and we are incredibly proud of their findings. Here are just a few of the many highlights from the report:

- ‘This is a school where pupils are treasured.’
- ‘Pupils are charismatic and vibrant. They talk confidently about the positive relationships that they have with adults and with each other.’
- ‘Pupils are extremely proud of their school. They show empathy and kindness in their approach to working and playing together.’
- ‘Pupils are highly engaged in their education. They strive to achieve well during their time in school.’
- ‘The school and its governors take a determined, strategic approach to their work. This is paying dividends.’
- ‘The school places a high priority on reading... pupils show genuine enthusiasm for reading.’
- ‘The school is sharply focused on providing a well-ordered and effective curriculum.’
- ‘Staff demonstrate remarkable expertise and compassion when supporting pupils with more complex needs. This helps pupils to be fully immersed in the life of the school.’
- ‘A warm and nurturing environment permeates the school.’
- ‘Pupils relish learning.’

We are incredibly pleased with this report, as it reflects the dedication, hard work, and love that goes into making our school the best it can be for your children.





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Some of you will remember that our last graded inspection took place in 2014, when we were given a one-word judgement. However, the Ofsted framework has changed significantly since then and the current framework has an increased focus on curriculum depth, subject leadership, and progress over time. The wider curriculum features more prominently in the current framework, for example. There is less focus on statutory assessment scores and more focus on the summative assessment of subjects such as science, geography, and Spanish.

Despite these changes, I want to reassure you that our school remains as strong as ever, and our core values shine through in every part of our work. Our new report reflects the many strengths of our school, as well as areas for continued development which we actually began working on, with determination and enthusiasm, last academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank:

- Our **wonderful staff** for their unwavering dedication to our children and for their exceptional teamwork always.
- Our **governing body** for their support and challenge and for the many, many hours they devote to the strategic leadership of our school.
- Our **amazing pupils** for their enthusiasm, kindness, and love of learning - we are so proud of each and every one and we are truly blessed to be part of their lives.
- And you, our **parents and carers**, for the positivity you bring and for the support you give to your precious children and to our school community.

It is a joy and a privilege to lead our wonderful school, where every heart truly is sacred. I look forward to many more happy years working together in the best interests of our treasured pupils.

Yours, in Christ,

Mrs Botham
Headteacher

