

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

OFSTED INSPECTION REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

I am happy to be able to share with you a copy of our school's report from the recent Ofsted Inspection which was held on the 18th and 19th October.

Inspectors found the school to be 'Requires Improvement' overall. Whilst this can often have negative connotations, my stance couldn't be more different. With regards to curriculum development, we are in the very early stages of implementation across several subject areas and this does indeed need time to have the necessary impact we want it to for our children's learning over time – therefore the quality of education is "not **yet** good enough". However, the inspectors note that the school is "**ambitious for all pupils to receive a high-quality education**" and that we have "**an accurate view of the strengths and weaknesses**". This meant that Ofsted's findings matched up to our own self-evaluation, showing that we already had a secure handle on what needs to be a focus for the school moving forward.

Personally, I am very confident that the impact of what we have been doing since September, are doing now and will continue to do in the future will have made the necessary impact to deliver a 'Good' judgement when Ofsted return in 18-24 months.

That is not to say there isn't a huge amount for us to be proud of as a school right now. We secured a '**Good**' judgement in two fundamental areas – '**Behaviour and Attitudes**' and '**Personal Development**'.

I am delighted that the care and effort that staff dedicate to our children is recognised in the report, as our focus on positive relationships at all levels is at the heart of our school and drives us in all we do:

"Adults know the pupils well. As soon as children begin in Reception Year, they are well cared for and feel safe. Parents appreciate this as well as the 'happy and encouraging staff'."

"The school has high expectations for pupils' behaviour. The clear rules 'be safe, ready and respectful' are intertwined with the school's values."

This then feeds into how our pupils conduct themselves at school and how they grow socially, emotionally and spiritually. There is high praise for them in the report, which delights us, because we are very proud of them:



Headteacher: Mr Oliver Bell

Chair of Governors: Mrs Joan Curran

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“Classrooms are purposeful and calm. Pupils are keen to learn.”

“Pupils are respectful towards one another and adults.”

“Pupils recognise that everyone is unique and that all are equally important. They embrace difference and say ‘The world is pretty special because we are all different’.”

“Pupils understand the school’s values and ethos.”

“From Reception Year, children follow the routines straight away and learn the expectations quickly. They know the difference between right and wrong.”

Thank you for your ongoing support – and enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bell

A message from Joan Curran, our Chair of Governors:

The governors recognise that there is work to be done to bring about the improvements that the report shows are needed. We have every confidence in Mr Bell and the staff to bring these about and are very proud of everything they have achieved so far. By all working together to support each other, staff, governors, and of course you, the parents and carers of our wonderful children, they will flourish both academically and personally.

