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Important – Outcome of our Ofsted inspection

Dear St Ethelbert's Community,

As you know, last month, we had our ungraded Section 8 Ofsted inspection. This was long overdue for us but it finally arrived! We are delighted to attach the report to this letter. St Ethelbert's is a very strong GOOD provision for our community and I think the biggest compliment from the inspector was that he would be 'happy to send his own children to our school'.



We do this job not for Ofsted, as we said to the inspector, we do it for the children and this was recognised as the report states 'pupils' welfare is at the heart of every decision and action. Pupils recognise this and describe school as a safe place where, 'We can be the best we can be. Staff have high expectations of their achievement'.

Naturally, it was a tense few days and quite rightly no stone was left unturned, but the school continued to run and the very high standards were no different to a normal day. I want to sincerely thank everyone for their phenomenal work. First of all, and most importantly, the children for their outstanding manners, engagement to learning and behaviour. As the report states 'pupils are impeccably polite. In lessons and across the school, behaviour is calm and settled.' It was also heart-warming for personal development within the school as being exceptional, whether that be our inclusive approach or getting the children ready for secondary school, as well as the wider world.

My colleagues are truly amazing and I am proud to work with them all - we worked as one as we always do to improve the school. Every decision we make we do with the children in mind. All my colleagues go above and beyond for our family-feel school and I am truly grateful to them all. I would also like to thank all our governors for their dedication and giving up their own time to support our wonderful school; the parish for their ongoing spiritual support and friendship; the PTFA for helping make this school feel like a family, community school and making experiences for the children even better and last but not least to you: parents/carers, grandparents, wider family and guardians. Thank you for such positive survey responses and thank you for working with us to get the best education for your children. Ms Dowd and I love our school and job, and are always so proud when visitors speak so highly about our school. Thank you!





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Our chair of governors, Mrs Turner would also like to acknowledge our success:

'As Chair of Governors, I am incredibly proud of this report, it truly captures what makes St Ethelbert's such a special school. Every day, we see the exceptional care, ambition, and values that underpin everything we do. It's a real reflection of the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the spirit of our pupils. This is a celebration of our whole school community, and we look forward to continuing the journey together.'

Lastly, I would like to thank Ms Dowd, Deputy Headteacher, who has worked tirelessly alongside me to improve the school. When we started in September 2020, we knew there were things we wanted to change; we have made lots of these changes and have lots more we want to do to give your children the best experience and education.

I hope you enjoy reading our positive Ofsted report. On Friday 18th July we will have a non-uniform day to celebrate our success.



God Bless

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