



Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of the OFSTED inspection that took place at St Bede's RC Primary school on the 14th and 15th of May 2024. I am delighted to tell you all that the final report from OFSTED has been received and the school has been judged outstanding in all areas.

It is important to acknowledge that this is a tremendous achievement, considering that an outstanding judgement puts St Bede's in a small elite group of schools across the country. It indicates that, through their comprehensive and extensive two day inspection, every aspect of the school the inspectors looked at (Leadership and Management, Behaviour and Attitudes, Quality of Education, Personal Development and Early Years Provision) was judged as outstanding and no areas were judged as needing improvement. I and other members of the Governing Body received feedback from the inspector and she could not have been more positive and appreciative of her visit to our school. It was particularly pleasing to see the hard work and dedication of everyone associated with the school recognised by the inspectors on their visit.

Particular praise was awarded to the pupils whose exemplary behaviour, commitment to learning and pride in the school was evident. They also recognised pupils joy in learning and expanding their knowledge in all areas. I would like to thank all your children for their outstanding behaviour, kindness and exceptional qualities that make our school outstanding. You all must be very proud. As the OFSTED report states "Pupils behaviour is impeccable, they are kind, responsible and respectful. Pupils show a deep appreciation of the many differences that exist between people"

I would also like to thank all the teachers and support staff for their tireless hard work and commitment to making St Bede's an exceptionally nurturing environment for all its pupils to grow and develop all their individual talents in a safe, calm and positive space. As inspectors noted

"Teachers have a very strong subject knowledge. They present information clearly and evoke pupil's interest and curiosity through a range of stimulating resources. Staff share leaders

relentless pursuit of excellence. They are proud to work at the school. Staff morale is high. They feel well supported. "

I and my fellow Governors would particularly like to thank the senior leadership team for their dedication and commitment to making the school such an exceptional place in every aspect. Mrs Devine has been part of the senior leadership team for many years, her drive, determination and commitment to the children is exceptional, As a new headteacher I've been impressed with her vision and strategy for the school in this she has been ably supported by an amazing deputy head Mrs Mackley whose enthusiasm and drive has enabled the school to be judged outstanding.

As Governors we work closely with the leadership team. They are exceptional and we could not work with a better team. We are very proud of St Bede's as I'm sure you all are and very proud of the outcome of the OFSTED report. Please read the report as I'm sure it will fill you with as much pride as I felt when first reading it.

Thank you for all your support

Yours sincerely

Mrs Catherine Ellwood (Chair of Governors)