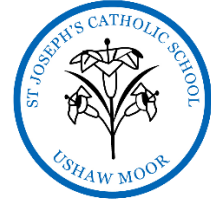


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To our school community,

We are writing to share the findings from the Ofsted inspection that took place in June.

We are pleased with some of the findings from the inspection, including that inspectors recognised that safeguarding is prioritised by staff. We are proud that during the inspection the strong relationships staff have with pupils was recognised as this is exactly the type of ethos that we strive to create at St Joseph's.

The inspectors also remarked that 'leaders provide opportunities for pupils to develop personally through the range of clubs that they attend'. As staff in school, we know the importance of personal development and we are glad that this work has been acknowledged.

The inspectors also recognised that 'with support from leaders and staff of the multi-academy trust, leaders have started to make changes to most subjects in the curriculum'. During the summer term, we did begin this work, and as we start this new academic year we are now in a much stronger position. However, we accept that there is still work to be done in terms of delivering the curriculum effectively.

Whilst inspectors noted that the care and nurture is present in the Early Years. We agree that, at the time of the inspection, the curriculum was not as developed as it should have been. This is an area that we have already started to improve. We are continuing to work with the trust to develop both the curriculum and the classroom environment.

As always, the children were a real credit to the school. The inspectors were complimentary about our pupils' behaviour and thought that they were polite and caring.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your continued support. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions. As we move forward, we are confident we can keep getting stronger for the benefit of all our pupils, especially those who need support the most.

We look forward to welcoming Ofsted back to show our progress in the next couple of years.

Please see our website for the copy of the full report or alternatively just ask the office for a hard copy.

Kind regards,

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