



GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER 2 – JANUARY 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy recently underwent an Ofsted inspection. This was the first Section 5 Ofsted inspection the school has experienced and the resounding "Good" grading in all areas (and in fact on the cusp of "Outstanding" in 3 out of the 5 areas) is a testament to the highest standards achieved at St Patrick's and the extremely hard work of the staff and Leadership team, which we really want to celebrate as a school community.

It has been 16 very diverse and challenging years and 7 new and increasingly demanding Ofsted frameworks since St Patrick's last had an inspection and we as governors are incredibly proud of this new exceptional achievement. To receive a report which only highlights one action point, which was already Action Point 1 on our School Development Plan, is a rare achievement and one of which we are all extremely proud.

The inspection feedback evidenced the strong core curriculum within the school, which supports the rapid progress pupils make and the above national progress results the pupils achieve at the end of Y6, with inspectors identifying EYFS, Maths, Phonics, Reading, PE & Sports, SEND provision and behaviour and attitudes as real strengths of the school.

The inspectors also identified attendance at the school as excellent. Pupils are very well-behaved, act calmly and politely, able to self-regulate and support each other. Pupils' Personal Development is strong, particularly regarding sport and physical & mental health provision, and leadership opportunities for pupils within the school is yet another strength. Pupils show respect and tolerance, strongly living out the Catholic ethos and virtues and all pupils are fully included in all aspects of school life. Pupil voice evidenced a strongly positive response to how much they enjoy and have a real pride in their school. "All pupils strive to be virtuous, treating others with kindness and respect. This helps everyone to feel happy and safe in school."



Leadership and management are very good, with governance described as strong and rigorous. It was stated that the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher's integrity shines through. "Staff encourage pupils to be "the best version of themselves" and "Leaders have equally high expectations for pupils' achievement."

Thank you for the part you have played and continue to play in supporting our school community and we look forward to working hard together as we move St Patrick's forward towards achieving an Outstanding grading at its next inspection.

Kindest regards,

St Patrick's Academy Council

