

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Inspection of Catholic Life, Religious
Education and Collective Worship:
OUTSTANDING in all areas

OFSTED Inspection - **GOOD** in all areas



It is with great pleasure that I share our two inspection reports. I hope that you will enjoy reading about the many successes of Sacred Heart and that you will celebrate the most positive outcomes. All members of our school community should feel very proud! Here are some of our favourite quotes:

Inspection of our Catholic School:

‘Pupils appreciate, value and actively participate in the Catholic Life and mission of the school.’

‘Pupils respond very well to the opportunities the school provides for their personal support and development. As a result they are happy, confident and secure in their own stage of physical, emotional and spiritual growth.’

‘The school’s behaviour policy is built on Gospel values and pupils actively support and encourage others to behave and achieve well.’

‘Governors are true guardians of the mission and know it is at the heart of all that happens within the school.’

‘A member of staff said, ‘Senior leaders deliver beautiful and well-planned praise assemblies that teach pupils to be proud of their Catholic faith, but also include our pupils of other religious backgrounds.’

‘The extent to which pupils achieve and enjoy their learning in Religious Education is outstanding.’

‘There is an obvious sense of inclusivity and community at all levels. The school promotes justice and respect for all. This is clearly evident in the excellent relationships that exist within this close community.’

OFSTED Inspection

‘Pupils are polite and courteous in class and around the school.’

‘Pupils are very proud of their achievements and this has a positive impact on their engagement in learning and the consistently good progress they make.’

‘In 2017, pupils’ progress was above the national average. The strongest area was mathematics, where the rate of progress was in the top 20% of schools nationally.’

‘Outcomes in phonics are consistently strong.’

‘Pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities are well supported and, as a result, progress well against their individual targets.’

‘The curriculum is enhanced with a good range of extra-curricular activities and school trips.’

‘Throughout the school there is a team of committed teaching assistants who effectively and ably support teachers.’

‘Teaching is effective and has ensured that pupils typically make good progress from their starting points.’

‘Strong and respectful relationships exist between pupils and staff. As a result pupils are confident and readily engaged in their learning.’

‘Teachers’ subject knowledge is good and this inspires pupils to learn.’

‘The school’s work to promote pupils’ personal development and welfare is good.’

‘The school has a very effective pastoral care team, including family support workers.’

‘The Nursery provides children with a calm, well-resourced learning environment inside and an extensive and well-planned outdoor area.’

‘Children make a good start to their education in the early years.’

There is certainly a lot to be proud of at Sacred Heart! So much has been achieved!

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support, and for being with us, every step of the way.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. Mason

(Headteacher)