

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School
Growing Together Following Jesus

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Please find enclosed a copy of the latest Ofsted report, following our inspection in June. It is very pleasing to read about the many positive aspects of our school. The report confirms that St Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary school remains a **good** school.

There are many comments that I could pick out to highlight that, as a school, we are very proud of. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the quote which starts the report and states that **'This school is at the heart of the community. Pupils arrive with big smiles on their faces each morning.'** I believe this is such an important statement to be made about our school and our wonderful children and families. The report also highlights that **'Leaders have high expectations of all pupils including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Pupils proudly rise to meet these aspirations.'** As an inclusive school family, this comment is really at the heart of all that we aim to achieve.

Reading has always been a key priority of all the staff here at school. It was fantastic to have it confirmed by OFSTED that reading is a key strength of the school. **'Leaders ensure that reading is high priority across the school and staff promote a love of reading among pupils. Teachers immerse pupils in a wide range of high-quality texts. Leaders train staff to deliver the phonics programme effectively and with consistency.'** I would like to thank our wonderful teachers and parents for embracing the Steps to Read programme and the All Aboard Phonics scheme and reading books. These strategies are clearly making a difference to our children.

It is pleasing to see that the next steps for the school, for further improvement, were already included within our own school development plan. As a school we aim to continue to develop our subject leaders, to ensure that they have the time to monitor their subject but also develop the knowledge for how the subject looks in the Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. In recent years, all schools have been on a journey of redesigning their wider curriculum to meet the latest curriculum requirements. The inspector concluded that in our school, **'Leaders have created a curriculum which is ambitious and exciting for children in the early years and pupils in key stages 1 and 2.'**

Over the coming months we will continue to focus on the given development points to make our school even stronger. I would like to thank the children, staff, governors and parents for all of their hard work and dedication since the school's last inspection in 2018. This commitment has resulted in St Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School continuing to be at the heart of the community as well as remaining a **good** school. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M A Brooks
Headteacher

