

Friday 20 January 2023

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Following our 'Ungraded' Ofsted inspection on 7 and 8 December 2022 led by Mrs Corinne Biddell, the final report is now available in the 'School Information' section of the website.

We are pleased that, under the new very challenging Ofsted framework, the school continues to be judged as 'Good' and evidenced some significant strengths.

The report describes our school as being 'very welcoming and that pupils, parents and staff feel part of the Holy Cross family and are very proud of the school'. Pupils are described as being 'exceptionally well behaved', having strong respectful relationships with staff and each other. Inclusion was identified as a strength; at Holy Cross we have the highest aspirations for all our learners. Strength of leadership was recognised at all levels; subject leaders ensure our ambitious curriculum is creative and effective, leaders ensure that inclusion is embedded for all pupils and behaviour is consistently managed and the school is supported by a dedicated and skilled Local Governing Board. The staff is described as being committed to the further improvement of the education provided for all pupils by accurate assessment and feedback and the wide range of extra-curricular activities offered by the school is also acknowledged. The report states that the staff team is 'united in its commitment and care for the pupils and each other.'

We will take on board all feedback; including those of parents and children to continue to move the school forward. It is reassuring that Mrs Biddell acknowledged that the areas of development had already been identified by the school and are part of our School Development Plan.

We thank the significant number of parents who took the time to show their support and appreciation for the school.

This report is a testimony to the hard work, commitment and effective partnerships of all involved in our school and Academy communities.

Yours sincerely



Mr K Grady
Chair of Local Governing Board



Miss T Cotter
Executive Principal