

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our inspection by Ofsted on 12th and 13th March 2024, I am now able to share the final report with you all.

We are delighted to tell you that Ofsted have continued to judge St William of York Catholic Primary School to be a GOOD school. We are extremely proud of this positive outcome which is a testament to the care and commitment of our staff, governors, the support of our parents and carers, and of course a celebration of our wonderful children.

At St William of York, visitors that spend time in our school, frequently leave with a strong impression of both the children's and staff's enthusiasm, happiness, supportiveness, and kindness. Our Ofsted report captured this:

"Pupils flourish at this happy and harmonious school. They work hard to realise the school motto of 'Together Everyone Achieves More'. Pupils are safe and cared for. They make everyone feel welcome at their school."

"Staff have high expectations of pupils' behaviour. Pupils are incredibly polite. They are sensible and considerate as they move around school, for example they hold doors open and ask how others are feeling. This consideration continues in lessons where pupils listen respectfully to teachers and their peers. Inappropriate behaviour is rare. Problems are solved quickly because staff act when they need to."

The report also acknowledged that staff who teach and support your children are skilled, have high expectations and secure subject knowledge:

"Leaders are ambitious for all pupils to succeed academically. Pupils enjoy their lessons and like to learn new things. Classrooms are calm and purposeful. Pupils persevere when they encounter difficulties."

"Pupils eagerly take on leadership roles in school, such as acting as 'bully busters', school councillors or play leaders. They raise money for charity and think of others. Through these opportunities, pupils learn what it means to be caring, responsible members of their community. Older pupils are well prepared for their move to secondary school when the time comes."

The report identified that there are areas for development and these are already part of our school improvement plan. We have been working hard to ensure we have an engaging, aspirational curriculum that will inspire our children to learn even more effectively. We are delighted that Ofsted have recognised



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the strengths and the work that has been done so far and we are keen to further improve teaching approaches in each of the different subjects so that our children remember more over time.

This is the second inspection we have had over the last 14 months, following our S48 Inspection in January last year. Both inspection reports have been very positive about the school. As the Chair of Governors I, along with the other governors, come into school regularly and get to see at first-hand what a great school we are.

Thank you to every member of the school and all its additional stakeholders who are working tirelessly to ensure St William of York Catholic Primary School remains a great place for children to learn. Also, thank you to parents and carers for your welcome support. St William of York Catholic Primary will continue to build on our successes.

Please find attached a copy of the Ofsted report. The report will also be published on our school website and Ofsted's official website as well.

Kind regards,

G Prendergast

Mr G Prendergast
Chair of Governors



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