

St Michael and St Martin Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

We are very pleased to be able to share with you the official report from our recent OFSTED inspection that took place on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th April 2023.

Ofsted have judged St Michael & St Martin to be an OUTSTANDING school

As you will be aware from previous communications, Ofsted have made considerable changes to the inspection framework and made an outstanding judgement an even more exacting standard. Over 80% of schools previously judged as outstanding have not retained the grade. This makes the judgment all the more significant and an achievement that we should all be proud of. The positive outcome is a testament to the care and commitment of our staff, the support of our parents and governors, and obviously the hard work and dedication of our wonderful children.

Please take the time to read the report : [St Michael & St Martin OFSTED Report 2023](#) . Ofsted reports are now deliberately short and quick to read, but some highlights from the report are listed below:

- Leaders want to 'open up the world' for pupils at this school.
- Pupils excel in their learning. Leaders have designed and implemented a rich and balanced curriculum to ensure that their aspirations are realised. Parents and carers are very supportive of leaders' work to ensure that the school provides a high-quality education for every pupil.
- Assessment is expertly used to identify any gaps in pupils' knowledge. Leaders and teachers then use this information to adjust how the curriculum is taught.
- Reading is prioritised and at the forefront of all that takes place in the school. Leaders for all subjects ensure that there is an explicit focus on vocabulary.
- Pupils' behaviour is exemplary.
- Pupils are confident and polite. Older pupils support younger ones with kindness.
- Leaders have high academic ambitions for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).
- Leaders continually look to improve opportunities for the professional development of staff. Leaders also carefully consider the well-being of their staff team.
- There is a strong culture of safeguarding at the school.



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The Ofsted Inspectors were incredibly thorough. Across the two days they observed lessons, spoke to multiple groups of children from across the school, different groups of staff and some Governors. They observed breaks, lunchtimes, arrivals and departures from school and reviewed hundreds of pages of evidence, children's work and the school website. In addition, they took surveys from staff, parents and children. It certainly felt like a thorough investigation of the school.

Mrs Bell and I were privileged to be able to observe the Inspector's team meetings (as is standard practice) and hear what they had to say about our children and school and this has been fully reflected in their final report. To be outstanding in all areas with no identified areas for development is a huge tribute to the whole school community.

The staff were, and are, simply amazing. We are fortunate to be able to complete regular learning walks around the school and I know that, regardless of an inspection visit, the quality of what is delivered right across the school is of a high standard every single day. An inspection is intense, but I could not wish for a group of more dedicated and professional staff. The majority of the report comments on what they have been able to achieve in delivering great outcomes, whilst maintaining a genuine focus on personal development and care for our children.

I would also like to thank our families; it is absolutely the case that a school needs the support of its community and we are extremely lucky to have a parent/carer body that values education and supports the school in so many ways. Your kind comments and support via the survey were repeatedly commented upon. Also, thanks to the governors who take on a huge responsibility and workload and give of themselves freely to support the staff and children.

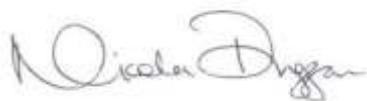
And finally, the children themselves. When I spoke to them in the assembly before the inspectors arrived, I reminded them that this is their school and their education and to be proud of what they were doing. Across the two days they were fantastic. They were honest with the inspectors both in what they enjoy and learn but also in how they engage in continually improving the school. The most gratifying feedback from the inspectors was hearing what the children had to say about school and what they were most proud of. We are certainly very proud of them!

As I hope is typical, we won't rest on our laurels, we know there are things that we would like to develop and that running a school means we always strive to do better, so we maintain our commitment to continuous improvement and renew our promise to try our best to make sure the school continues to go from strength to strength.

For now, we as a whole school community should take a moment to pause and reflect on these achievements and the generous words of the Ofsted report. My warmest congratulations to all.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Duggan
Headteacher

