



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know St. Augustine's school was inspected by Ofsted in July and, despite there being many positive aspects to school life, such as the good behaviour of pupils, some areas were deemed a concern. This is something, which we, as governors and staff, have been working hard to address.

It was good to see so many parents and carers at the two briefing meetings, which we held on 30 September: there was a frank and constructive discussion about how we must move the school forward to give your children the very best education. You can see the slides from the meetings on the school's website. Among other things, we described at the meeting the very detailed action plan that we have drawn up for the school, addressing each of the issues, which Ofsted raised in the July report.

As is standard practice, Ofsted has revisited the school since the original inspection. I am pleased to inform you that the result of this follow up, held on 7th October, is that Her Majesty's Inspector from Ofsted has written to Mrs. Warren to state that "the school's action plan is detailed and it is bringing about improvement." Furthermore the senior leaders and governors are "taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement". This is welcome news, because it recognises the clear progress that the school has been making over the last year or so, and especially since Mrs. Warren took over as headteacher in January.

A copy of the letter from the Inspector was published by Ofsted on 22nd October, is on Ofsted's and the school's website, and is attached to this letter. I encourage you to read it.

Now that Ofsted has recognised that we are “on the right track”, we continue to progress with our plans to improve St Augustine’s and to ensure that every child is given the best educational opportunity possible.

Of course there is still much work to be done. The Inspector’s letter highlights some key areas. Focusing on those areas requiring improvement, highlighted in the inspection, will remain our firm priority in the short term, and the Inspector rightly challenges us to consolidate and maintain the progress already made. These revolve around ensuring our committed and hard working staff receive the training and support, which they require. This will ensure that each of your children achieves their full potential, by challenging and inspiring every child.

Ofsted was also pleased that the headteacher and deputy have made “sensible changes to organisational matters”. These will mean that everyone within the school understands the progress expected from each child. It is our aim that the high levels of achievement, currently gained by some of our children, will become the reality for all.

We hope that you will be encouraged by the progress that we are now able to report. Also, now that the full technical detail of our action plan has been endorsed by Her Majesty’s Inspector, we will publish an easily digestible version as soon as we can, and report regularly on how we are getting on. We are planning briefings for parents and carers in February and July 2014.

We also hope that you will continue to play a vital part in this progress. Do please read with your child, assist them with homework and get as involved in school life as you are able.

Please pray for the community of St Augustine’s Catholic Primary School that God will grant us wisdom and guidance as we grow together to improve for the benefit of all of our children.

Yours sincerely

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