

A letter from the Local authority
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Dear Sarah,

Ofsted Inspection – St John Fisher Catholic Primary School – 13th-14th November 2019

We are writing to congratulate you and your staff on the good outcome of the recent inspection, where the inspection team noted that the school continues to be good. It was pleasing to read:

"All pupils achieve well here."

The inspection team commented that there is a well-planned programme for the teaching of phonics. This gets pupils off to a strong start in reading as soon as they join the Reception class. This enables pupils to use their knowledge of letters and sounds to help them to read and write. The team noted that pupils love reading and develop into confident readers, who enthuse about their favourite authors and enjoy talking about books they enjoy.

The report notes that leaders are ambitious for the pupils and have improved the way each subject is planned and taught. Teachers are clear about what they should teach and when, adapting this planning effectively. Leaders are supporting teachers to plan tasks, which encourage pupils to think deeply and critically about important concepts.

"Pupils have a wide range of opportunities to broaden their horizons. They enjoy taking part in a variety of sporting activities.... They also visit museums, galleries and even the beach. These outings enrich pupils' learning by building on what they have studied in class."

The team noted that pupils with SEND take full advantage of all the provision available within the school, and combined with staff expertise, this ensures these pupils achieve well:

"As a result, these pupils thrive and achieve well across all subjects."

Inspectors commented that safeguarding is effective, and pupils are safe at school. They observe that pupils learn how to stay safe, including when playing outdoors after school and when online.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate you on the opening statements of the report, which reflects the genuine warmth of the school's ethos and the strong sense of community that you have developed:

"Pupils are proud to attend their school. They see themselves as being part of one big happy family who never lets the day end on a disagreement."

We really do appreciate the hard work that you, your staff and governors have put in to achieving this inspection outcome. Please do pass on our best wishes to everyone.

We wish you continued success as you lead the school forward.

With best wishes,



Stephen Kitchman
Director of Children's Services



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