



St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

'Together, in Jesus, we Love, Learn, Create and Celebrate!'

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Dear St. Gregory's families,

OfSTED Inspection

This week we welcomed Ofsted into school—remarkably, the first school in the local authority to be inspected under the brand-new framework and, of course, right before Christmas! While we are not yet able to share the outcomes until Ofsted completes its rigorous fact-checking and quality-assurance process, I can say that I am immensely proud of our children and our staff team, all of whom shone throughout the two days. From the moment we received the phone call at 9:30am on Monday morning, everyone pulled together admirably to ensure the four HMI inspectors experienced exactly what it means to be a St. Gregory's child. I was in awe of the teamwork, compassion, consideration for others and steadfast support of one another. As for our children? They were truly incredible, a credit to their families and to St. Gregory's. My thanks to families too, for your contributions and support throughout the inspection – the supportive comments at the gate or foyer and the many emails were greatly appreciated.

As I shared during this morning's Curriculum Showcase, there have been major changes to how Ofsted reports on school inspections. The inspection framework has undergone significant changes in recent months, meaning both the inspection, the inspection outcomes, and the reporting of inspections are very different and in no way comparable to the previous inspection framework. The new report card looks very different and cannot be compared to the previous system.

Please take a moment to read the below guide and watch the embedded video to familiarise yourself with the new system: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-ofsted-report-cards-and-grades>

Once again, I am beyond proud of our children and our team, and I look forward to sharing the inspection report with you as soon as I am permitted to do so in the New Year.

Wishing you all a wonderfully festive weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Joseph Perree
Headteacher