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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have now received a final copy of our Ofsted report following the inspection that took place on the 18th and 19th October 2022.

We are delighted to share with parents and carers that the inspector concluded that **"St. Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School continues to be a good school."**

Since I took up the post of Headteacher in September 2020 the governors, staff and pupils have worked tirelessly to ensure that our curriculum is broad and ambitious and prepares our children to, **"Live Life to the Full."** ^{John 10:10.} It was wonderful for that to be recognised.

The children are at the heart of all that we do and it was only right that I shared the report with them first in assembly this morning. So many children were spoken to over the two days and their responses together with yours run through the report. **"Your children are your best advocates."** said the inspector to the governors when delivering her feedback.

Our school values shone through and it was wonderful to read that, **"Pupils follow the school rules closely. They behave sensibly in classrooms and on the playground. Pupils are polite and courteous. They give new pupils and visitors a warm welcome and a smile."** We could not be prouder of the children.

Leaders are mentioned in the report and this term not only refers to myself and Mrs Harkness, our Deputy but to Ms Davies, our SENCO, Mrs Morrissey, our Chair of Governors and all of our governing body who challenge our school to be the best it can be.

It was recognised that our youngest children in school, **"settle quickly into the early years because of the nurturing environment that leaders and staff have created"** and that they, **"get off to a flying start in their early reading."**

We ensure that our curriculum meets the needs of all of our children regardless of any disadvantage or additional need. The Inspector found that, **"Leaders are quick to identify any pupils who may need additional support, including those**

with SEND. Activities are carefully chosen by staff to help pupils with SEND to learn the curriculum and achieve well."

Of paramount importance is safeguarding all children and the inspector commented that, "Leaders prioritise safeguarding" and that the arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Our next step is to ensure that we embed the curriculum knowledge that children need to secure before moving on to new work. This is something that we have been working on since September and it was already a part of our School Development Plan.

The governors, staff in school, our teachers, HLTAs, TAs, our Family Liaison Officer and non-teaching staff work tirelessly to give the children in our care the best possible education and I want to recognise and thank the staff for their dedication and faithful witness to our vocation. Ofsted inspections can be stressful and the pressure put on staff and governors during questioning is considerable.

I am grateful to the staff, children and parents who have supported us over these last two years. Your support and willingness to embrace change, are the foundations for the improvements we have achieved. We pledge to continue to help all our pupils fulfil their potential as we continue on our journey.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

God bless,

Mrs Justine McEniff

Headteacher