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Dear Parents/Carers and families,

Ofsted Inspection – 3rd and 4th July 2023

I am delighted and proud to share with you the details of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place at St Michael and St John's RC Primary School on 3rd and 4th July 2023. I am now able to share the report with you and the outcomes. A copy of the report is attached and can also be found on our school website.

We are extremely proud to inform you that the Ofsted team agreed with our self-evaluation that SSMJ is a 'Good' school in all areas.

The summary evaluation:

Overall Effectiveness:	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good

I am incredibly proud of our children, staff, governing board and wider community. It is wonderful to see the external recognition for the work that has gone on over the previous 4 years.



The children, staff and parent feedback showed the huge support for the school, which was a real positive during this inspection.

What is particularly notable is the opening sentences of the first paragraph 'St Michael and St John's Roman Catholic Primary School is a welcoming place to be. Pupils are friendly and respectful. They are willing and keen to celebrate others for who they are and who they wish to be. Pupils said that they feel cared for and safe.'

This is central to our ethos, mission and values, as a fully inclusive school. We are very proud of the recognition that every child's individual gifts and talents are continually recognised, supported and celebrated in our school family.

The report acknowledges that SSMJ is about so much more than academic achievement, recognising 'pupil's benefit from a wide range of enrichment experiences', 'behave well,' 'have responsibilities and leadership roles which they relish', and 'are given the chance to recognise and celebrate difference.'

They commented positively about our 'high expectations of learning and behaviour' and our, 'polite and respectful children'.

Furthermore, Ofsted noted 'leaders have made considerable improvements to develop a well thought out and ambitious curriculum for children including those with SEND', 'have prioritised reading, early phonics and staff training to provide all children with a good quality of education whilst prioritising support for staff well-being and workload.

Our Governing Board, made up of volunteers who give their time to support SSMJ have been recognised for their 'wide range of expertise' which they use to 'effectively support and challenge leaders.'

We will, of course, endeavour to continue our improvement journey and further develop the areas outlined, which were already known to school and are part of our Development plans for 23-34.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued support and commitment to the work of the school and I know we will have your support as we continue to work together to make SSMJ exceptional and a place where all are 'the best they can be.'

Key Stage 2 SATS Results

In addition to our Ofsted Report, we are proud to share with you our school performance in KS2 SATs for 2022-23.

Age related Expected Standard

One measure which the DFE uses is the percentage of pupils attaining Age Related Expectations (the broad, nationally expected level for 11 year olds) or more by the end of Year 6 in Reading, Writing and Maths.

SSMJ KS2 Pupils Achieving the Expected Standard 2023

- Reading: Expected 85% (national: 73%)
- Writing: Expected 74% (national: 71%)
- Maths: Expected 96% (national: 73%)
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Expected 85% (national 72%)
- Reading, Writing and Maths combined: Expected: 70% (national 59%)

SSMJ KS2 Pupils Achieving a High Standard 2023

At St Michael and St John's RC Primary School, we pride ourselves on making sure pupils are provided with lots of challenge.

- Reading: 41% (national 29%)
- Writing: 7% (national 13%)
- Maths: 22% (national 24%)
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: 30% (national 30%)
- Reading, Writing, Maths combined: 7% (national due to be released)

Average Scaled Score

- Reading 107 (national 105)
- Maths 107 (national 104)
- Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling 106 (national 105)

We are very proud that all results were above or broadly in line with the national averages.

Well done to the children and staff and to the families for your support for the children throughout their time at SSMJ.