

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that Section 8 Ofsted Monitoring Report from our school inspection in May is now available. Copies have been sent to parents via email and a copy will be uploaded on the school website shortly and on the Ofsted site in due course.

Staff and Governors are pleased that Ofsted has recognised all the wonderful work taking place at St Bernadette's school. The inspector explained that with the new Ofsted framework, the criteria has changed and the St Bernadette's community had risen to this challenge. Despite the unprecedented times we have all found ourselves in, she spoke about how we have maintained good quality education and continued to drive improvement across school since we were last inspected in 2016.

The report highlights so many key strengths of our school that make us all very proud. I have highlighted some of the strengths here.

- Children achieve well because leaders expect the children to do their best
- Children enjoy coming to school
- Children are happy and safe
- Children behave sensibly around school
- Children are attentive in lessons
- Leaders have high expectations of behaviour
- Pupils are polite, confident and mature
- Leaders ensure teachers have a string understanding of the curriculum
- School have prioritised reading and children are enthusiastic, confident readers



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- There are warm, nurturing relationships both between staff and pupils and between pupils with each other
- Reception class engage positively in their learning with sustained concentration
- Children listen well
- Children achieve well

## 'Pupils are at the heart of this welcoming school'

Of course, like every school, there is always room for improvement. As you will see at the end of the report, the recommendation is to ensure that the key knowledge for all foundation subjects and assessment is consistent; this is an area we are currently working on.

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to thank our fabulous children, staff, families and parishioners for their continued hard work and support in making St Bernadette's school such a wonderful place to be and all committed to 'Doing their best for God.'

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office

Yours sincerely, Alexís Satterthwaíte Head Teacher