



St Thomas Becket

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Publication of the school's recent Ofsted Inspection Report

As you are aware the school was inspected over two days last term on 15th and 16th March 2022. Please find the link to the final report, which will be published by Ofsted within eight working days, below.

The school has been judged 'Good' overall and 'Outstanding' in both 'Early Years' and Children's 'Personal Development'.

I am extremely proud of this achievement, especially in light of the fact that, as with all schools, we have been through two incredibly challenging years due to the pandemic, and also considering that the current Ofsted framework (which was written before the pandemic) is based on a much more challenging and different criteria than the one we were judged on in our previous Ofsted (2007) – in fact, there have been five different Ofsted frameworks since then.

It is almost impossible for inspectors to come into a school for two days and capture everything that makes us a unique and special school. That said, I was pleased that areas such as the behaviour of our children, our diverse and inclusive nature, our broad and balanced curriculum, support for children's well-being and our high aspirations for all our children were recognised in the report. Our 'Outstanding' judgements in the areas of 'Early Years' and 'Personal Development' are a testament to the commitment we have to meeting the emotional, as well as academic needs, of our children, and we are rightly proud that these areas have been noted as exceptional.

The one area for development, where the inspectors felt the school needed to improve - *clarity of curriculum plans* - has been a priority on our school development plan this year and so this was something we were already aware of, working on and making good progress with.

Thank you to the parents/carers who completed the Ofsted questionnaire on Parent View during the inspection. This is a key indicator for Ofsted in sending a clear message about the strength of our school community. That said, I would have wished for a bigger response from our school as only 76 responses were returned overall in a two-form entry school, with approximately 300 families.

Finally, can I acknowledge the incredible staff and children that make St Thomas Becket the place of learning and love it is. We are truly blessed with dedicated teachers and exceptional children - we don't need the findings of an Ofsted report to tell us this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,
Noel Campbell

[Link to Ofsted Report](#)

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