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Parents and Carers
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents, Carers and Parish Community Services

Ofsted Report

It is my absolute pleasure to write to you to congratulate the community of Our Lady's Catholic Primary School on an excellent Ofsted report. It is a report that follows hot-on-the-heels of your extraordinary Catholic Schools Inspection report.

The recent Ofsted inspection was ungraded and so was the report that followed. In a report of that kind, the inspector is really limited in what they can say. I face no such limitations and am delighted to share my reflections on a report that highlights the brilliance of your Catholic primary school.

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School is an outstanding Catholic school.

I have been an Ofsted inspector, been in dozens of great schools, and I feel I know what extraordinary looks like. It looks like your local Catholic primary school. You cannot read the report from the inspector without noticing that there are no areas for improvement and that the report itself is stacked with superlatives and recognition of the innovative and distinctive practice at Our Lady's.

There is a line in the report that is really important: *"Pupils build confidence and belief in themselves."* Having listened to the reflections of the lead inspector, he fully appreciated that everything the school does is achieved through the lens of Building The Kingdom and understood that the kingdom is present in the children themselves. I feel that is very special and is fundamental to why your school is so great.

Together, the staff, parents, carers, and parish community have built an extraordinary community of faith, hope, and love. You deserve every accolade that comes your way.

I would now ask three things:

1. Please pray for the community that they remain faithful to their mission
2. Please reach out to the staff in the school and thank them - they do an extraordinary job and live a true vocation.

The glory of God is a human being fully alive!

3. Please think about how you might be able to support the school - as a governor either now or in the future, a volunteer in the school, a donation to the school.

If you are able to do at least one of these things, that would be greatly appreciated.

Once again, huge congratulations on a simply wonderful achievement.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Richardson', with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a smaller horizontal line underneath.

Joe Richardson
Strategic Executive Leader