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St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Denominational Inspection a few weeks ago, I am very pleased to inform you that the inspectors have awarded St Agatha's as 'Outstanding', which is up from our previous grade of 'Good'. Of the nine criteria assessed, they graded seven as Outstanding.

This is a fantastic achievement and I would like to thank the staff and pupils for all their hard work over the past 5 years that have contributed to this. The result is also a very positive reflection of the welcoming and strong community spirit of our school. Thank you for all that you contribute to this ethos.

The Denominational Inspection is something which all Church schools must have and follows similar lines to an Ofsted inspection, with a focus on the religious aspects of school life. The inspectors looked at everything to do with the Catholic character of the school, including leadership, religious education, worship, moral and spiritual development, and links with the local Catholic community.

The full report is available on the school website <https://www.stagathas.school/ofsted-and-section-48/>

but I would just like to highlight some key points from it:

St Agatha's Catholic Primary is an outstanding school because:

- *The school offers a high standard of Catholic education in a welcoming and inclusive Catholic community.*
- *Standards in Religious Education are high where all groups of pupils make good progress and achieve well.*
- *The school offers a wide range of prayer and worship opportunities to nurture pupils' spiritual growth and their knowledge of the celebrations and traditions of the Church.*
- *School self-evaluation is comprehensive and evidence-based, indicating effective systems of monitoring and analysis.*
- *Pastoral care is excellent - Governors, school leaders and staff are committed to ensuring the wellbeing and personal development of every pupil.*
- *There are strong links with the parish*

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Thank you to the many parents who completed the survey or were interviewed at the school gate; responses were overwhelmingly appreciative of all that the school offers.

The Catholic ethos and community feel are important characteristics which we pride ourselves on as a school so it is very satisfying to see this formally recognized. Please take the opportunity to congratulate the staff on this great outcome in the coming days.

Yours faithfully,

Colin Rand
Chair of Governors

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