

St Ethelbert's judged as Outstanding following Catholic Schools Inspectorate Inspection

The Board of the St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust would like to congratulate staff, pupils and stakeholders of St Ethelbert's RC Primary School following its most recent Inspection. The Catholic Schools Inspectorate judged the school to be Outstanding overall but also highlighted key strengths at the school:

The Inspection report noted that:

- St Ethelbert's is an exceptionally welcoming and inclusive community where every person is known, valued and treated with equal dignity. Staff are relentless in ensuring that every pupil is supported to flourish, and no one is left behind.
- The headteacher provides inspirational leadership, remaining steadfast in her vision for Catholic education and empowering leaders at every level to contribute confidently to the school's continued development.
- Pupils are at the heart of the school community and are clearly prioritised in every aspect of school life. They know they are loved, respected and cherished as unique individuals created in the image and likeness of God.

Headteacher Mandy Messham said of the inspection outcome;

We are delighted that our Catholic Schools Inspectorate inspection has recognised the vibrant faith, strong community spirit and caring ethos that define life at St Ethelbert's. This report reflects the unwavering commitment of our staff, the support of our families, parish and governors, and the enthusiasm, compassion and faith shown by our children each and every day.

Our Catholic mission is at the heart of all that we do, shaping the experiences we provide and the relationships we build across our school family. We are especially pleased that the inspection acknowledged the welcoming and inclusive environment we have created, the high-quality pastoral care we offer, and the way our children embrace opportunities to live out the Gospel values through their words, actions and service to others.

This extremely positive outcome belongs to our whole school family and is something we are immensely proud to celebrate together. While we recognise this achievement, we remain committed to continually developing and strengthening our provision, ensuring that every child continues to grow in faith, flourish in their learning and become the very best version of themselves.

Trust CEO Chris Foley went on to say;

We are delighted that the Catholic Schools Inspectorate has recognised the strength of Catholic life and the nurturing, faith-filled environment that is so evident at St Ethelbert's. The report reflects the dedication of the Headteacher, staff, governors, parish and families,



whose shared commitment ensures that every child is supported to grow in faith, achieve their potential and experience a genuine sense of belonging.

Everyone across St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust is immensely proud of this achievement and of everything the St Ethelbert's community has accomplished. This inspection outcome is richly deserved, and we look forward to seeing the school continue to flourish as it builds on these many strengths in the years ahead.