



Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners

We have pleasure in sharing with you the final Ofsted report from our inspection on 11th and 12th July 2023. I attach a copy of the report and a link to it online. It will be published on the Ofsted website within eight working days.

Our school has been judged 'Good' overall, and 'Outstanding' in both 'Early Years' and 'Behaviour and Attitudes'.

We are extremely proud of this achievement; the current Ofsted framework is challenging, and the report is a very positive one, commenting not just on our consistently excellent academic standards, but also on the commitment we have to meeting our children's pastoral needs. For reference, I include below the exceptional Key Stage Two results from July 2023.

This was a full graded inspection, which means that the Ofsted team were in school for two days and reviewed every aspect of school life. In the current Ofsted model of inspection, about 20% of schools that are currently graded 'Good' receive a full graded inspection, while the rest receive a short one-day inspection; there's no particular trigger for this, simply part of Ofsted sampling schedule.

However, we are pleased to have had a full inspection as this provides more detail for school leadership about the school; which assists in evaluation and school development.

Typically, a school judged to be 'Good' receives an Ofsted inspection about every four years.

We encourage you to read the report carefully. We believe that it presents an accurate picture of our school and the grades given by the Ofsted team exactly mirror our internal self-evaluation. This provides us with confidence that our leaders and governors know our school very well.

We have worked very hard on ensuring that our provision for phonics and reading in general is of the highest quality, and this has also been validated by Ofsted in their comments. We wish our children to develop the 'passion for reading' referred to by Ofsted. Similarly, our work to ensure that all pupils receive the best standard of education, including those with additional needs and those who have English as an additional language, has been highlighted by the report.

The report also notes that 'Pupils have exceptional attitudes to their learning and behaviour'. We see this every day and this happens because of the shared vision we have; staff, children and families, to achieving the very best, while caring about each other's needs. Therefore, it is very gratifying to have this validated by Ofsted in their opening sentence: 'Pupils are very happy at this school. Everyone feels welcome.'

Caring, Learning and Achieving together as part of God's Family

The acknowledgement by the Ofsted team that our Early Years provision is Outstanding identifies that, from their first days in school, our children make outstanding progress, settle into school really quickly and are very happy. We are very proud of this as it builds the foundation for further progress and achievement in later years.

There was a very strong and overwhelmingly positive response to 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.

We continually seek to improve our school and its provision for our children and we are not complacent. Ofsted have noted ways we can improve and we take these on board. These were items already identified on our school development plan and self-evaluation and are items we are making good progress with. We will continue to work hard to ensure that Margaret Roper is the best it can be, in every aspect of school life, and our governors and leadership will ensure that the comments are noted and acted upon.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Margaret Roper, our parents for your continuing commitment, and all our governors for their support for and challenge to the school leadership. We are truly blessed with dedicated staff and exceptional children – we don't need the findings of an Ofsted report to tell us this.

We are proud of this school and know you are too.

Sincerely

Mr. Dermot Mooney
Headteacher

Dr. Anne-Marie Sawyer
Chair of Governors

KS2 Results 2023

Subject	Margaret Roper 2023		National Expected or above 2023
	Expected or above	Greater Depth	
Reading	85%	45%	73%
Writing	81%	21%	71%
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar SPAG	88%	52%	72%
Mathematics	85%	52%	73%
Combined Pupils achieving national standard in all Reading Writing, & Maths	76%		59%