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Dear Parents/Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to attach our recent Ofsted inspection report, which was carried out on the 20th and 21st October, 2021. We have been eagerly awaiting the publication of this report as it finally provides us with the opportunity to demonstrate to everyone the huge progress that we have made since the last inspection in 2017. We are delighted to be able to share the fantastic news that Ofsted agreed with our judgement that Our Lady Catholic Primary School is a GOOD school (with some OUTSTANDING elements).

| OFSTED AREA | GRADING |
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| Overall Effectiveness | GOOD |
| Behaviour and Attitudes | OUTSTANDING |
| Personal Development | OUTSTANDING |
| Leadership and Management | GOOD |
| Early Years Provision | GOOD |
| Previous inspection grade | REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT |

A copy of our latest inspection report has been uploaded onto our website for your information and, in due course, will be added to the Ofsted website. As Ofsted reports are limited by a restricted word count, we know that this will not do full justice to the fantastic feedback that we received on the day. The report can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://www.ourladys527.herts.sch.uk/ofsted-report/>

We remain ever-so proud of how far the school has come over the past few years and that, right at the centre, once again, are our children. They deserve this more than anyone as they are such fantastic ambassadors for our school and we are lucky to have them. Just like the Diocesan inspectors back in September, the Ofsted team spoke so highly of our children. They open their report by saying that the school is a **'happy and inclusive place'** and that **'behaviour in lessons and around the school is of a consistently high standard.'** They also comment on the fact that **'pupils love going to school...[and they] encourage and support each other so that children of all ages and abilities thrive.'**

The sense of positivity that flows through the report really is testament to the hard work of the children, staff and governors at the school. Parents and carers have also played such an important part, which is noted in the report. The inspectors state that **'staff, parents and pupils describe their school as 'a community' and 'a family'...[and] an overwhelming majority of parents would recommend the school to other parents.'** We really appreciate and thank you for your support and for working so closely with us to ensure the very best outcomes for our children.

There has always been a firm belief amongst our staff team that we are nothing less than a 'good' school and it is wonderful to have this confirmed by external HMI inspectors. Once again, I just want to say how proud I am of our school community and for the hard work that has gone into achieving these outcomes. Whatever part you have played in our journey, we appreciate all that you have done.

I wish you all a very happy, peaceful and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Richard Curry