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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have great pleasure in writing to you about the recent Ofsted inspection and taking the opportunity to give an "inside view" into what happened over the two days.

"Our Lady Catholic Primary School is a happy and inclusive place. Pupils love going to school."

During the inspection, as well as experiencing learning in all classes, inspectors met with children in small groups chosen by them (in fact, it seems that they spoke to nearly every child in our school!), as well as in the playground at break and lunch. All of these meetings happened without any members of staff from Our Lady, with the children free to express all of their opinions, feelings and views. The conversations were about their learning, their relationships, their voice, and their experience of school. As ever, over the two days, our children were stars and as part of feedback the Lead Inspector commented "this is a lovely school, your children are very special".

As we said to her, this does not just happen by chance. My greatest joy as Chair of Governors is being in school on "normal" days: visiting lessons; working with staff; and experiencing daily life at the school. For the children (if not the staff!) the Ofsted inspection was just a normal two days where the inspectors experienced our children's happiness to be in school and learning. It is important that we do not take the community that has been built for granted: the school atmosphere is that way because of the work each member of staff does every single day to encourage, inspire, challenge, and most importantly, to nurture every child in their care.

It has been an absolute joy to be part of the journey that the school has been on since Mr Curry's appointment. That journey has involved significant reflection and sustained change. I am proud and grateful for the work that Mr Curry and his team have done to ensure our school is rightly recognised as **Good**. However, I am prouder still of the **Outstanding** gradings for Behaviours & Attitudes and Personal Development, as these are the areas that will ensure our children thrive both during and beyond their time at Our Lady.

Huge congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Mr Curry and the whole team at Our Lady – and to our wonderful children.

With my very best wishes,

Kelly Donkor
Chair of Governors