



ST.VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
MANOR PARK SOUTH, KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE WA16 8AL

Believe, Trust and Be Ready

“That they may have life, and to the full” John 10:10

12th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have now received a final copy of our Ofsted report following the inspection that took place on the 22nd and 23rd November 2022.

We are delighted to share with parents and carers that the inspector concluded that **“St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Primary School continues to be a good school.”**

Since I took up the post of Headteacher in September 2019 the staff, pupils and governors have worked tirelessly to ensure that our curriculum is broad, ambitious and prepares our children to fulfil our mission statement: *Believe, Trust, Be Ready, “That they may have life, and to the full” John 10:10*. It was wonderful for that to be recognised. **“Leaders have thought carefully about the curriculum in all subjects. They ensure that pupils’ learning builds in a logical manner on that of the previous year.”**

Our school values shone through, and it was wonderful to read that, **“This is a school where pupils know that they belong to a family. They feel safe and secure because they know that staff care about them.”** **“Pupils behave well. Their behaviour is often exemplary.”**

We ensure that our curriculum meets the needs of all of our children regardless of any disadvantage or additional need. The Inspector found that, **“Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) study the same curriculum as their peers. Leaders identify their needs accurately, often soon after they join the school. They ensure that pupils with SEND get the right support.”** Of paramount importance is safeguarding all children and the inspector commented that, **“The school has a strong culture of keeping pupils safe”** and that the arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Our next step is to continue to develop aspects of our already-successful Reading curriculum even further. This is something that we have been working on and it was already a part of our School Development Plan. In July 2022, 93% of our children in the Key Stage 2 SATs achieved expected or above in reading and 50% achieved greater depth. In Key Stage 1 SATs, 86% of our children achieved expected and above in reading. Not only were these fantastic results, above national average and Cheshire East, they also placed us in the top ten schools in Cheshire East at both Key Stage 1 and 2 for Reading.

Our teachers, teaching assistants, non-teaching staff and governors work tirelessly to give the children in our care the best possible education and I want to recognise and thank them all for their dedication. We will continue to nurture, develop and educate all our pupils to fulfil their potential and be the best that they can be in their school journey.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

God bless,

Bernadette Groarke – Head teacher