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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to be able to share with you the full Ofsted report following the school's inspection in July. The report has now been published and can be found at: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/136981>. It will also be put on to our website shortly.

Following this report, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to all of the people who have worked so hard and shown such dedication to our school: staff, governors, volunteers, parents and, of course, the children themselves. As with many things, much of this hard work goes unseen, but please know that I appreciate it fully and the children benefit from it enormously. We are an amazing team and all have contributed to the success of this inspection: we should all feel immensely proud!

As headteacher, I am incredibly passionate that every child is equipped to succeed, and as a staff we are ambitious and aspirational for each and every child in our care. Whilst the academic subjects are important, equally so is a child's sense of worth; a belief that they are valued; and an ability to have a voice within their community. A sense of happiness, security and belonging enable children to be confident to look beyond their own horizons and be ready to learn. This is something that Ofsted acknowledged that we do very well at Holy Cross and their comments echo those made within our RE Inspection report:

"Pupils are proud and happy to come to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. They talk about how the school's values support them to be kind, respectful and show tolerance. They know that all people should be treated equally, regardless of differences. Pupils are polite and considerate towards adults and each other. Adults' expectations of behaviour are high. Pupils respond well to this and say that they feel safe."

Ofsted also praised our curriculum for being "ambitious" and highlighted reading and mathematics as real areas of strength for our school. The inspectors were so impressed with the children's behaviour and attitudes to learning and this contributed to improved learning outcomes since our last inspection:

"Leaders' focus on the educational outcomes of pupils is relentless. They want every child to be successful...Pupils have positive attitudes towards their learning. Pupils take part in a wide range of activities beyond the academic curriculum. This helps to develop their talents and interests."

I know I speak on behalf of all the staff when I say how delighted we are that Ofsted could see all of the great things that we do within our school and the positive outcomes for our pupils. I am so proud of our school community and look forward to driving forward further improvement to ensure we provide the very best education for our children and encourage them always to reach for the stars!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sam Dowdeswell
Headteacher