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Inspection of St Mark's Catholic Primary School, 17th & 18th September 2019

Dear Richard

I am writing to congratulate you and all those associated with the school on the outcome of your recent OFSTED inspection. As Headteacher, you must be pleased with the achievements which have been recognised in OFSTED's letter, confirming that St. Mark's continues to be a good school.

The hard work carried out in school since your last Section 8 Inspection in September 2018, has led to you retaining your previous good judgement.

It was pleasing to note OFSTED recognised that, **"St. Mark's is a friendly community, where pupils have fun because teachers make lessons interesting and they enjoy each other's company."**

The Inspector observed good behaviour during the inspection and found that pupils concentrate and listen to their teachers and each other. **"They are proud to attend this school."**

It was clear from the report that the Leadership Team were adamant that every pupil has a good education and to achieve this, staff read lots of books with the children and provided opportunities for the children to practise, reading aloud. Teachers were also commended for their enthusiasm and subject knowledge.

Your work to improve the history and geography curriculum was highlighted with the Inspector commenting on how, **"teachers now build on earlier learning, regularly revisiting topics and helping pupils to understand the chronology of history."**



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We are informed that leaders and governors work hard to make sure every child is safe and that, **“governors are experienced and keep a very good check on how well pupils are achieving and how well they are looked after.”** Staff and parents also, **“speak highly of the senior leaders who manage the school well.”**

The Inspector found that pupils in the Early Years were happy and excited about their learning and that they quickly settled into school. **“They are ready for work in Year 1 by the time that they reach the end of Reception.”**

Congratulations to all concerned!

I would be pleased if you would thank your staff, governors and children for their part in this success and your tireless work to ensure that all pupils make good progress.

Thank you once again for the important work that you do.

Yours sincerely

Tim Warren
Diocesan Director of Education



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