

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Good Shepherd Celebrating a complete set of 'Good' ratings after a recent Inspection by OFSTED!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from our recent OFSTED Inspection on the 4th and 5th March. We would like to firstly thank all of you who kindly spoke to the Inspectors either in person or provided feedback via ParentView online. Your partnership and engagement are very important and matter to us.

We were incredibly proud to showcase our school after we have all worked hard to improve our outcomes in recent years. It has been a full community effort, and we are so happy to share the following results with you. The full report is available to read on our website:

The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good

After the OFSTED Monitoring Visit back in November 2023, we shared with you that our focus was to be on improving the curriculum. We developed an Improvement Plan and worked with staff and governors, as well as being supported by the Central Team of the OLICAT Trust. The successful embedding of this new curriculum was recognised in our recent Inspection:

The school's curriculum is ambitious and engaging. It is well structured. In all subjects, the school has identified precisely what pupils will learn and when they will learn it. There are many opportunities to revisit important concepts. This is built carefully right from the start of the Reception class. This helps pupils to gain and retain new knowledge over time (OFSTED March 2025)



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“This achievement reflects the incredible journey our school has undertaken, driven by the transformative leadership of Headteacher Mrs. Dodds with support from our OLICAT trust.

Ofsted's report highlights what we have long recognised: an ambitious and inclusive curriculum that equips our students with the best possible start to their education. We are immensely proud of the culture of learning that has been cultivated here, and we look forward to continuing our mission of excellence.

Looking ahead, we are committed to further enhancing our educational offerings and fostering an environment where every student can thrive. We aim to build on our successes and ensure that Good Shepherd Catholic School remains a beacon of high-quality education.” (Jamie Bray, Chair of Local Academy Committee)

It is a privilege to be the Headteacher here at The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary. We are so lucky to have such supportive parents and such wonderful children. I am extremely grateful for all the hard work and determination from our staff and from the OLICAT Trust central team and directors, our PTA and our Local Academy Committee. I feel that this is a journey we have travelled together keeping your children at the heart of the decisions we have made along the way, particularly with our choice of curriculum which the inspectors recognised as 'ambitious and engaging.'

We will not be resting on our laurels - we will be moving forward fearlessly to ensure excellence is achieved in all areas of our work- because our children and families really do deserve the best!

We are so excited to see our school family continuing to thrive and have ambitious plans in place to provide an excellent Catholic education for every child that walks through our school gates. We look forward to communicating more with you about these plans very soon.

Pupils love coming to The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School. The school's 'virtues' of faith, hope, forgiveness, love and trust, are tangible and lived throughout the school. Pupils feel valued, listened to and safe. They are polite and respectful and welcome new friends to the school. Pupils learn and play harmoniously together. (OFSTED March 2025)

Once again, a huge thank you to all of you and for giving us the privilege of teaching your wonderful children.

God Bless,

Mrs Carmel Dodds

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