



Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form



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ASPIRE TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY

'Aspire not to have more, but to be more.' Oscar Romero

10th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, the school was recently inspected by Ofsted. Our report has now been published and I am very pleased to share it with you.

Parents may be aware that the Ofsted framework became more rigorous in 2019 and that since then many previously Good or Outstanding schools have been downgraded. It is therefore extremely pleasing to report that Holy Family retained "Good" in all areas.

Inspectors noted *"The school is welcoming and like a family"* and that our students are *"safe and happy at school."*

They also commented on leaders' clear aspirations for pupils to succeed, as evidenced in our broad and varied curriculum, and our high expectations for work and behaviour.

I was especially pleased that the inspection team noted the strong Catholic ethos of the school, commenting that our liturgical assemblies encourage reflection and that older students act as role models for the younger ones.

You can read the full report on our website here:

<https://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk/assets/Ofsted-Report-March-2023.pdf>

Since September we have worked extremely hard to ensure that our curriculum, ethos and behaviour fulfil our Aspire values and St Oscar Romero's words: *"Aspire not to have more but to be more"*.

This report is a strong endorsement of our hard work so far, and a platform from which we can continue to improve.

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I would also like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to respond so positively to Ofsted's parent survey, with 81% agreeing that their child is happy at school.

It is my commitment as Headteacher to ensure that your child receives an excellent education here at Holy Family, and we do this most effectively with your continuing support - thank you.

With best wishes as always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Laws". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carolyn Laws
Headteacher