



St. Philip's
RC Primary School

1st November 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing today to inform you of the outcome of the OFSTED inspection which took place at St. Philip's RC Primary School on 28th and 29th September 2023. I am delighted to be able to tell you that the final report from OFSTED has been received and the school has been judged as '**Outstanding**' in all areas.

It is important to emphasise that in recent years, OFSTED's grading criteria for outstanding is a tremendous achievement and puts our school in a small elite group of schools in the country. It signifies that, through their thorough two-day inspection, every aspect of the school the inspectors looked at (Leadership and Management, Behaviour and Attitudes, Quality of Education and Personal Development) was judged as outstanding, and no areas for improvement have been recognised.

I had the pleasure of receiving the feedback from the lead inspector on the day, and he could not have been more complimentary about his experience of visiting the school. It was a joy to see that the hard work and dedication of everyone associated with the school was recognised by the inspectors on their visit. Particular praise was made of the pupils, with the inspectors recognising their outstanding behaviour, commitment to learning, and pride in their school. They also recognised that pupils enjoyed learning, and this was reflected in their knowledge of what they were studying – and linking this to what they had previously been taught. I therefore want to thank your children for their behaviour and attitude to learning: it is a pleasure to be associated with a school with such outstanding pupils. They are a credit to you, and I thank you for your support with their learning. As the OFSTED report states:

"At St Philip's, pupils blossom. They thrive academically and in their wider personal development. Pupils strive relentlessly to be the very best that they can be in all that they do."

"Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. They are polite, courteous and well mannered."

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and support staff at the school for their tireless commitment to making St. Philip's the best possible environment for your children to learn and develop. Inspectors had nothing but praise for every member of staff they spoke to, and their dedication to the education and emotional development of the children in the school came through in everything they saw during the inspection. It is a delight to have such enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff, and without their commitment and hard work the school could not be judged outstanding. As is noted in the OFSTED report:

"Teachers demonstrate exceptional subject knowledge across the entire curriculum. They skilfully design learning activities to deliver new knowledge to pupils."

I would like to particularly thank the Senior Leadership team at the school for their constant drive and determination to make the school such an exceptional place in every respect. Miss McNamara has been part of the leadership team at the school for many years, and as Headteacher she has constantly looked for opportunities to make changes and improvements within the school, ensuring every aspect of the school is outstanding. In this work, she has been hugely supported by the Assistant Heads, Miss Lavelle and Mr Cooper, whose energy, enthusiasm, and commitment has enabled the changes and improvements to be made to enable the school to be judged outstanding. As Governors



DIOCESE OF SALFORD



of the school, we work very closely with the leadership team, and could not ask for a better team to lead this school. It is a pleasure to see the outstanding leadership we see as governors reflected in the OFSTED report:

“Leaders and staff identify the essential knowledge that pupils must learn with thorough consideration and with precision. The attention to detail given by the school to the order in which pupils learn new topics and concepts is exemplary.”

“Governors, leaders and staff work exceptionally well together to ensure that pupils receive the highest quality of education.”

Please read the OFSTED report and I hope it will fill you with the pride I felt when I received it, and it will confirm that St. Philip’s delivers the best possible educational experience for your children.

The OFSTED report can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

[ofsted-report-2023.pdf \(stphilipsrcprimary.com\)](https://stphilipsrcprimary.com/2023/04/28/ofsted-report-2023.pdf)

Thank you for all the support you offer the school. I look forward to continuing to work with you and all the school staff to develop and enhance the educational experience we offer your children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Riley', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mr. Peter Riley
Chair of Governors