



25th March 2022

Dear Parents,

I know that I have only had the pleasure of being Interim Headteacher at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School for 8 weeks but I have grown to know and love our community really quickly. St Gregory's is a small school with a big heart and I know that that is the reason many of you chose to bring your children here.

If you remember, we had a visit from Ofsted on 9th and 10th February. You may also be aware that we were due to be inspected as a "Section 8 of a good school inspection" but this was converted to a full "Section 5" inspection and went into a second day. The report from this visit is now available on our website.

All schools have their issues and I knew, taking up the executive headteacher role, that there were things to sort out at St Gregory's and I had hoped for more time to put things in place before an inspection.

The report doesn't make for easy reading as the inspectors gave us a mixture of "inadequate" and "requires improvement" grades and as a result have put us in the special measures category.

There are many reasons why we find ourselves where we are but I think that it is important that we focus on the future and how we can all work together to move our lovely little school forward. I can assure you that the staff and governors have taken the messages in the report extremely seriously and are quite emotional about some of the comments but we are all committed to channelling this energy into making improvement.

It seemed prudent to send the report out today to give you the weekend to read and think about it and then if anyone has any questions or comments, or wishes to show their support, we are planning a meeting in the school hall on Monday 28th March at 7pm with some of our governors and representation from the Local Authority. Not quite the first meeting I had planned to have to meet you all but we have been overtaken by events and it will still be lovely to make your acquaintance. I have taken the liberty of attaching a report detailing some of the things that we have already started to do to assure you that your children's education and safety is of paramount importance to us.

Thank you for your continuing support

Jackie Walker
Interim Executive Headteacher

