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We follow in Christ's footsteps

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Dear Families

Inspection Report

Please find attached the final report following our Ofsted school inspection on the 17th and 18th April.

There are different types of inspections. Our inspection, led by Richard Beadnall, His Majesty's Inspector (HMI), was an ungraded inspection. This was to check that St Patrick's remains a good school. We are very pleased to share that this has been confirmed. However, our report states that the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be outstanding if a graded inspection were carried out now.

I am sure you will be as delighted as we are to read the many positive aspects of our wonderful school, highlighted in this report. The themes of positive behaviour, high quality teaching, dedicated staff, high achievement with a focus on pupils' broader personal development are emphasised throughout.

- *Pupils at this school embody the school's values of the 'Three Rs'. They are respectful, responsible and ready to learn. Pupils of all ages are polite and considerate. Pupils benefit from the positive and nurturing relationships fostered by adults. Pupils are safe and happy.*
- *A committed team of well-trained staff do all they can to keep pupils safe. One pupil told the inspector, 'There is nowhere in school we don't feel safe.'*
- *Pupils and staff are proud to belong to the school community. Bullying is rare. Staff deal with it quickly and effectively if it does happen.*
- *From their first days in Reception, talented staff immerse children in a vibrant and positive learning environment. Adults model language clearly for children.*
- *Leaders have developed a bespoke phonics programme to meet the needs of all pupils. Highly trained staff teach the programme consistently well. Consequently, it has exceptional impact.*
- *The school's curriculums are ambitious and well-sequenced. There is a clear progression in skills and knowledge across time. This means that pupils have a strong base for further learning.*
- *Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are well supported.*
- *Teaching is exciting.*
- *Leaders have high expectations for attendance and punctuality.*
- *The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.*

We are thrilled that our school has received such positive recognition with no areas identified for improvement. That said, we look forward to working together - staff, pupils and families - to continue to develop our school further. Thank you, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Burgess

Executive headteacher

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