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## Ofsted Outcome – May 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with enormous pride and pleasure that I write to share the news that Holy Rood has been rated 'Good' by Ofsted.

This fantastic news follows a two-day Ofsted inspection, with three inspectors across both sites, which as you know took place at the beginning of May. I am delighted that Ofsted has recognised all of the dedication, hard work and effort that has been put in at Holy Rood since the last inspection in 2018, stating the pupils *'flourish in the school's warm and inclusive ethos.'*

I am sure you will join us all in being extremely pleased to have achieved a 'Good' across all categories under the new Inspection Framework. It is important to note that as part of this new Framework, Ofsted have updated the way they report on the outcomes for schools and feedback is now written in a new, more succinct style (with much less jargon!) so please take this into account when reading it.

We are all very passionate about Holy Rood Catholic Primary School and have followed our vision of 'Belong, Learn, Achieve' to create the very best learning opportunities for each and every child in our school; this is a huge reflection of the hard work that everyone in our school community has put in to make Holy Rood such a lovely place to be.

We could not have achieved this without your support and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, your fantastic children and our dedicated staff and governors for their hard work and commitment, which has helped to make Holy Rood such an amazing place to learn, work and succeed. The inspectors themselves noted how *'pupils are proud to attend Holy Rood Catholic Primary School'* and that *'pupils' attitudes reflect the school's well-established values,'* which is something we have all worked hard to achieve.

The report highlights many key strengths of our school. Some areas that make us very proud include:

- How our pupils *'believe that everyone is 'completely welcomed' and treated equally'* and that they *'enjoy each other's company and build trusting relationships with adults.'*
- That our behaviour policy is being successfully and consistently implemented: *'Adults' expectations of pupils' behaviour are consistently high. In lessons, pupils are attentive and work hard.'*

- How our newly developing wider curriculum is having a positive impact on our pupils: *Pupils have a range of opportunities to develop their interests outside the classroom. For example, leaders have devised the 'Holy Rood 42' programme. This includes extra-curricular sports, singing and team activities.*
- How our carefully re-designed curriculum is meeting the needs of our children, as *'leaders are ambitious for pupils...Subject leaders have carefully considered what pupils need to learn and when in each subject...As a result, pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), learn the curriculum well.'*
- That our EYFS provides strong foundations for our children to build on their learning journey at Holy Rood, stating that *'children settle into early years quickly and happily. They learn to listen, share and take turns. Strong classroom routines and expectations are taught throughout the school.'*
- That the governance of our school is effective: *'Governors are well informed about leaders' actions and the quality of provision. They support and challenge leaders in all aspects of their work to improve the school.'*
- That our safeguarding policies and procedures are effective: *'Procedures to keep pupils safe from harm are strong... Records show the proactive measures taken to support vulnerable pupils and their families. Staff are trained well and are knowledgeable about the risks pupils may face.'*

I am extremely proud of everything that we have been able to achieve at Holy Rood, especially after such a turbulent two years with school closures and the Covid-19 pandemic, and your constant help and support has been hugely appreciated throughout. I now very much look forward to the school continuing on its strong upward trajectory, as we continually strive to improve and ensure we are providing the best possible education for our children.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes,

Miss N Fry