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Parents and Carers
St Michael's Catholic School

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with enormous pleasure that I write to congratulate your school on an excellent Catholic Schools Inspection report. Over the course of the last few years, the school has been transformed to become a confident expression of what is best about Catholic education. Today, it is a wonderful school.

While the report speaks of the hard work of the staff, I hope you see and are incredibly proud of the part your children have played in the changes we have seen in the school. Your children have responded brilliantly to the opportunities that have been presented to them by leaders and staff determined to do what is best for the children.

Schools that place the needs of the children and young adults at the heart of their decision making quickly thrive. They do so because those same children and young adults respond so positively to true expressions of faith, love, and opportunity. Indeed, when a school is at its best it becomes a truly joyful place to be and it is wonderful that this is celebrated in this report:

"This is an exceptionally joyful and supportive community that is focused on Christ at its centre." (Inspection report, 2024)

I visit St Michael's regularly and have seen first-hand the changes that have taken place over time. In my years of school leadership, I have rarely seen such an impressive transformation. It is down to the hard work of the staff, your support and the amazing response from your children. A real team effort.

I would be grateful if you would take time to do three things after you have read the report:

- Please thank a member of staff - it means more than you can imagine.
- Please share the news far and wide. Your children's school is great, and we want every child to benefit from a great education.
- Please pray for their continued success.

To all of you, thank you, and Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Joe Richardson
Strategic Executive Leader

The glory of God is a human being fully alive!