



ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents & Carers,

On 3rd October the school received an HMI Monitoring Visit. This is standard procedure following the previous judgement of Requires Improvement in September 2018. The school's next inspection window opens in September 2020.

The visit report has now been published and is on our website for your information.

We are pleased with the outcome of the report which confirms that leadership action to make improvement is effective. The development of writing has been a key focus and data outcomes for 2019 clearly demonstrate that pupil progress and attainment in writing are significantly improved.

The visit was also used to ascertain readiness for the new Ofsted Framework which comes into effect in September 2020.

A key strand within the new framework is pupil progress/attainment in Reading and Phonics where the bar has been raised even higher.

The report recommends a brisker pace of phonics teaching in Reception and a sharper focus on lower ability pupils in Years 1 and 2 to improve reading fluency. These aspects of the curriculum constituted one of our key priorities in response to the new framework prior to the monitoring visit and will continue to do so. Teaching staff have received targeted training on the teaching of phonics and the provision is monitored on a regular basis for consistency and progress.

St. Gregory's statutory outcomes in Reading, Writing and Maths in all key stages demonstrate significant improvement and our results are now at least in line with national outcomes with many scores significantly exceeding national levels.

This is a very positive result reflecting three years' consistent and targeted action to turn the school around.

Please see the attached summary for an overview of outcomes over time.

In closing, I would like to assure all parents/families that the quality of teaching and learning drive all school improvement work and am confident that we will continue to make the required progress in order to secure a grading of 'Good' at the next inspection.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kolanowska'.

Ms M. Kolanowska
Headteacher