

19th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

St Joseph's Newton Abbot has been on a transformational journey in the past year. Alongside the children, staff and governors, as parents and carers, you have played a part in this success.

We are very proud of St Joseph's. Mrs Day and Mrs Pascoe have led the staff team to create a vibrant, safe and successful learning community.

We have received the final report for our recent Ofsted Inspection.

REPORT HYPERLINK

Ofsted state in the report:

*Pupils are proud of their school. They are happy and they feel safe and welcome.
Parents and carers appreciate the close relationships staff build with their children.
The trust and staff are ambitious for pupils to succeed.*

Many other areas of the report are very positive. However, some are more difficult to read. Given the recent journey of the school and the current quality of good provision, we are sure you will share our disappointment and confusion when you read it through.

We do not agree with the outcome of the inspection, nor with many of its findings. We also have some concerns about the way in which the inspection was conducted.

These concerns, and those raised by staff, are being shared with Ofsted through the appropriate processes.

The outcomes are as follows:

Overall effectiveness	Requires improvement
The quality of education	Requires improvement
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Requires improvement
Leadership and management	Requires improvement
Early years provision	Requires improvement
Previous inspection grade	Requires improvement

We are confident that the school team, children and parents will continue to work together positively and effectively to further improve St Joseph's - and to ensure it is recognised as the good school it is.

Yours faithfully,



Kevin Butlin
Director of Education



Stephen Mariadas
Chair of Local CAST Board



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