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Dear Parents/Carers

Please find attached the recently published Ofsted report for St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School following their inspection on 29th and 30th November 2022. We are very disappointed that St Wulstan's was judged as 'Requires Improvement' for aspects of its Quality of Education, as this is a limiting judgement, which consequently resulted in the school being graded as 'Requires Improvement' for overall effectiveness.

When you read this report, you will be struck by the significant areas of strength of the school which includes Early Years' Provision, Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes, Special Educational Needs (SEND) provision, safeguarding and many areas of Quality of Education and the curriculum. The report states that leaders have ensured that pupils study a broad and balanced curriculum. Reading is identified as a real strength of the school, as is the well-designed English and mathematics curriculum evidenced by the fact that pupils reach high standards in reading, writing and mathematics.

The single area for improvement in the report (see page 4) is the judgement that some curriculum subjects need more careful planning to ensure progression in learning, building on pupils' prior knowledge to enable them to know more and remember more. Leaders have already begun working on this to ensure consistency in quality of curriculum in every subject within the school. We are working closely with the Local Governing Body, Suzanne Horan, as Catholic Senior Executive Leader, the school leadership team and all the staff, to ensure that the recommendation in the report is addressed as quickly as possible and the school will keep you updated with its progress.

We have much to be proud of: governors, staff and pupils all work hard every day within this 'caring and welcoming place to learn', where 'pupils are happy in lessons and when playing with friends on the playground.'

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

Yours sincerely

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