



St. Matthew's R.C. High School

We Pray, We Care, We Achieve

12th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware we were inspected by Ofsted on 8th and 9th of November 2017. We have now received the final report that we expect to be published on the Ofsted website in the next few days and which will be made available on the school's website this afternoon.

Although the report finds that our children feel safe in school, that safeguarding is effective and that provision for social, moral, spiritual and cultural development are strengths, it is less positive about the school overall and as a result, I regret to tell you, the school has been placed in special measures.

We accept the report's findings and have already started work to address fully the issues raised as quickly as possible. To that end, we will be working closely with St Patrick's RC High School, Salford, which is a national teaching school and has a proven record of successfully supporting schools in making sustained improvements over time. We will also be working closely with the diocese and the local authority. Together, our aim is to rapidly respond to the areas highlighted in the report, enhance provision and improve outcomes for all our pupils.

A drop-in session for parents will be held in school on Wednesday 17th January from 5.00 - 7.30pm. Members of staff and governors will be available to discuss the report and future plans, and of course, to answer any questions you might have.

In addition to the report a document addressing 'Frequently Asked Questions' has also been placed on the website and there is a link to submit any other questions you may have regarding the report.

Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Hogan

Headteacher