



Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

29 March 2018

Dear Parent /Carer

Cardinal Wiseman Ofsted Visit 6 and 7 March 2018

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of our recent Ofsted Inspection. As you will be aware the school has been on an improvement journey since 2013 when it was placed in a 'Category - Inadequate' and given notice to improve. The school became part of the Romero Catholic Academy in 2015 and has since been working to continue to improve outcomes for all of our pupils. I am pleased to be able to inform you that the recent inspection outcome has recognised that the school is no longer 'Inadequate' and has been removed from a 'category'. The report recognises that there are still areas where the school needs to improve and thus given an overall judgement of 'Requires Improvement'.

All parents will be able to access the report by clicking on the main page of the website found here: <http://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk>. You will see from the report that Ofsted have acknowledged several areas where we have made "*Rapid, effective changes to improve the quality of education for pupils*" as well as acknowledging that the "*Quality of teaching is improving quickly..[sic] there are pockets of excellent practice across the school*". We are naturally delighted that they also recognised the strength of the international dimension to our school noting, "*Outcomes in languages are exceptional*" which is a testimony to the heritage we have built upon of being a language centre for the wider Coventry area.

The report also highlights a number of areas which still require further improvement. You will read that one of the key areas we discussed with inspectors was the raising of standards and expectations in relation to behaviour. The inspectors noted that "*Pupils' behaviour around the school has improved*" but agreed that the Leadership were correct in the plans we have now deployed for improving behaviour in the corridors. You will no doubt be aware that following the inspection visit we wasted no time in implementing our new systems for improving the behaviour in corridors and it is pleasing that these plans have been endorsed by the report noting "*Leaders have taken effective action to improve pupils' behaviour in the corridors and have strong plans in place to develop this further*". We are very grateful to the overwhelming support we have received from parents and the wider community for the measures we have taken to tackle unacceptable behaviour.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a restful and peaceful Easter. Please remember in your thoughts and prayers all of our pupils who will be sitting examinations next term as well as the staff who will be giving up some of their holidays to support the pupils with extra revision classes over the Easter holidays. I look forward to writing to you again at the beginning of next term when we will continue our journey to becoming the 'Outstanding' school that your children deserve.

Yours sincerely

Thomas Leverage
Head

Executive Principal: Mr Anthony Quinn

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