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Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating our progress – Ofsted Inspection September 2026

Following our recent Ofsted inspection on 22 September 2026, I am delighted to share the outcome of the inspection and, importantly, to celebrate the many positives recognised by inspectors about our school.

Firstly, I would like to thank all our children, staff, parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and commitment to Our Lady's. We are incredibly proud of our school community and the positive steps we have taken together.

Celebrating our strengths

There is much in the report that we should celebrate:

- **Safeguarding:** Inspectors confirmed that our safeguarding standards are met. This recognises the open culture we have established, where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and our children are kept safe.
- **Early Years:** Our youngest children receive a positive start to their education. Inspectors recognised the quality of relationships, effective phonics teaching and the support children receive to develop their communication, language and early learning skills.
- **Inclusion:** Our inclusive culture was recognised, particularly the work we do with families and external professionals to understand and support children's individual needs.
- **Leadership and governance:** Inspectors recognised that leaders have a clear understanding of the priorities for improvement and that the actions already taken are having a positive impact.
- **Behaviour:** Improvements in behaviour have created a calm and purposeful environment where children are increasingly ready to learn.
- **Pastoral care:** Inspectors recognised that our children are happy, feel safe and value the kindness and care shown by staff. Our pastoral support and opportunities for children to participate in clubs, sports, performances and wider experiences were also highlighted.
- **Relationships with families:** Inspectors acknowledged the positive relationships between parents, carers and leaders, recognising improvements in communication and our commitment to listening to your views.

These strengths reflect the hard work and dedication of our whole school community.

Our areas for development

We also recognise that there is more work to do. Inspectors identified several areas where we need to continue strengthening our provision:

- **Achievement:** We will continue to improve outcomes, particularly for older pupils, ensuring that gaps in essential knowledge in reading, writing and mathematics are addressed so that all children are well prepared for their next stage of education.
- **Curriculum and teaching:** We will continue developing teaching so that all children secure the knowledge and skills they need, with particular attention to identifying misconceptions and addressing gaps in learning.
- **Attendance:** Improving attendance remains a key priority. We want every child to attend regularly so that they never miss out on valuable learning opportunities. We will continue working closely with families to understand and overcome barriers to attendance.
- **Personal development:** We will strengthen the teaching of relationships, health and PSHE, ensuring that children develop a secure understanding of equality, respect, protected characteristics and British Values.

Moving forward together

We are proud of the progress we have already made, but we are equally clear about the work that lies ahead. The inspection has helped us to identify where we need to focus our efforts, and we are determined to make further improvements so that every child receives the very best education and opportunities.

Our Gospel values remain at the heart of everything we do. We want every child to feel valued, included, safe and inspired to achieve their very best.

Therefore, we will be holding coffee evening for parents and carers to ask any questions about the report and so that we can share what we are doing to address the areas identified. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th November at 4:00pm. To book a seat, please use this link: Meet the Senior Team – Fill in form

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us. Your support, encouragement and trust make such a difference. Together, we will continue to build on our strengths and make Our Lady's an even better place to learn, grow and flourish.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Elise Gribble
Headteacher