



ST. MATTHEW'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Voluntary Academy

20th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Ofsted Report for St Matthew's RC High School

As you will be aware, our school was inspected by Ofsted in November 2022. The report has now been shared with the school and is expected to be published on Ofsted's website on Thursday 26th January. It is important that parents and carers are made aware in advance that the overall judgement of this inspection is Inadequate. The report can be read in full via our school website in the 'About Us' section. A link to the report will follow shortly via Edulink.

The content of the report will undoubtedly raise concerns and we would like to reassure you that steps have already been taken to address the areas for improvement which the inspectors have recommended. Through the Emmaus Trust we have reached out to the wider Catholic education community and have already received strong support from school leaders with a proven track record in school improvement. This support is substantial, regular and will be maintained over an extended period of time to ensure that sustained improvement takes place.

We would also like to reassure parents/carers that all students and staff are safe when they are with us each day. In November we immediately improved some of our day to day procedures to ensure that all concerns around safeguarding are correctly dealt with and followed up. Our staff work hard each day to make sure that students are adequately supervised at all times from the moment they arrive in the morning to the moment they leave at the end of the day. We pride ourselves on the care that we give to all members of our community and this has not changed. Please remember that if you or your child have any immediate concerns you can speak to your child's form tutor in the first instance, or anyone on our safeguarding team. You can also use the confide@smrchs.com email address which is checked throughout the school day.

All elements of our school will be reviewed as part of our ongoing drive to improve, but there will be a particular focus on improving the climate for learning at St Matthew's. Students will be aware of this already as this began in early December and will continue for the foreseeable future. Assemblies, form time activities, PSHE content and staff training will be altered to allow us to work with students to help them better understand the positive impact they can have on our school community. As parents/carers you will have received communications and screencasts recently to help keep you informed of the key messages that we have been sharing with students. We will continue to do this and ask that you take the time to read or listen to the messages so you can help support this work at home.

You may very well have further questions or queries once you have read the report and this letter. If you do then please go to the Forms section of Edulink and complete the form entitled '**Ofsted Parental Feedback**' by Friday 27th January. If the question/query is very specific a member of the school staff will contact you directly.

If the subject is more general then it will be used to help us collate our next communication to parents/carers which will follow shortly once feedback has been received.

Regards

The Local Governing Body
St Matthew's RC High School