



Diocese of Westminster

EDUCATION SERVICE

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Dear Joanne,

I am writing to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, your staff, and the entire community at St Cross School on your recent Ofsted report.

The report highlights many strengths that are a testament to the dedication and commitment of everyone involved in the school. The respectful atmosphere, the high expectations for behaviour, and the positive relationships between staff and pupils create an environment where children can truly thrive. It is wonderful to read about how pupils take pride in their school, demonstrate self-assurance, and engage in meaningful learning experiences.

The carefully planned curriculum and strong focus on foundational knowledge, especially in the early years, are commendable. Your efforts to develop pupils' language and communication skills, as well as their understanding of democracy and other fundamental British values, prepare them exceptionally well for life beyond school. Additionally, the support for pupils with SEND is clearly making a significant difference in ensuring that all pupils can access an ambitious curriculum and succeed.

I am particularly impressed by the role of older pupils as positive role models and the sense of responsibility they exhibit, such as through the school council's initiatives. It is inspiring to see how pupils are given opportunities to contribute meaningfully to their school and community.

The collaborative work between the school, the trust, and the board of trustees is clearly a cornerstone of your continued success. The strong leadership provided by the St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust ensures that the school receives the support and challenge needed to excel.

Congratulations once again on this excellent achievement. Please convey my appreciation to your staff for their hard work and dedication, which are making a lasting impact on the lives of your pupils. I wish you every success as you continue to build on this strong foundation.

Yours sincerely,

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