

'Good' Ofsted for Holy Family School

TEACHERS and governors at Holy Family Roman Catholic Primary School in Workop are delighted after receiving very positive results in its latest Ofsted report.

Government inspectors found the school to be 'good' overall and 'outstanding' in many areas.

The report commended the level to which pupils enjoy their education, the progress made by students with learning difficulties and disabilities and the positive contribution made to the community.

Lead inspector Mike Best spoke very highly of Holy Family students.

"They thrive in a school community that values effort and success. Pupils' personal development and wellbeing is outstanding and reflects the high quality of the school's provision for their care, support and guidance," said Mr Best.

The school recognises that there are some areas where it needs to improve, but inspectors judged that the capacity to make these improvements as 'outstanding'.

Mr Best sent a letter to students following the inspection which said: "Your behaviour is outstandingly

good... there is a real buzz about learning going on in your classrooms."

Holy Family's acting head teacher Jane Smedley was very pleased with the report.

She said: "The school is absolutely delighted with the Ofsted report as it recognises the outstanding care, support and guidance pupils receive from an extremely hard working staff and governing body."

"The report confirms that the school has a number of outstanding features. We are very grateful for the overwhelming support we receive from parents."

Work has already started to improve two areas highlighted in the report. The attendance of students was judged as 'satisfactory' and pupils in Year 2 were noted as achieving 'suitable standards' and both issues are now being tackled.

"The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to us and the genuine love and care the staff and children have for each other is a shining

example for all to see," said Maria Carroll, chairman of governors.

"We are very much a family orientated school with the children learning in a home from home atmosphere. Our faith is a way of life at Holy Family and I'm very proud that the Ofsted report acknowledges this."

Mrs Smedley added that anyone looking for a school for their children was welcome to have a look at Holy Family.

"Any perspective parents are always welcome to look around our happy and successful school."



● Holy Family Catholic School has this week been celebrating its latest Ofsted report