



# SS John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

"Journeying together with Jesus Christ, we learn to love and love to learn."



6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Parent/ Carer,

## **Ofsted Report – Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Primary School**

In a prominent place on our website, you can see a copy of the Ofsted report arising from our inspection dated 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016, led by HMI John Nixon and his team.  
(Please click on the Ofsted icon on the home page.)

I am sorry to inform you that the outcome of the report is that the school has been judged as inadequate and now requires Special Measures. Clearly our Governors and staff are very disappointed with this outcome and are committed to making changes and working to improve outcomes for all our pupils, particularly those who are disadvantaged.

We aim to build on the very positive staff appointments that have been made this academic year, ensuring that the school moves forward rapidly.

We would want to reassure parents that major changes have been introduced to strengthen the leadership of the school in order to improve the school quickly. These include:

- Brokering the support of a Consultant Headteacher from a local "Outstanding" school.
- Establishing a new governing body known as an Interim Management Board (IMB)
- The new appointments of two outstanding candidates as Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher
- The new appointments of three respected teachers to positions of middle leadership within the school.

All of this will further enhance the strong teamwork that already exists within our school and will significantly improve the quality of teaching for your child.

In the next few days the directors of the Wythenshawe Catholic Academy Trust will approve an action plan which will have specific timescales and targets for achievement. We are holding a meeting for all parents on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 6pm** when we will share our actions with you. We will also outline how you can provide us with your views on how we can further improve Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Primary School.

Ofsted did recognise the school's caring ethos, the strength of pupils' welfare, their personal development and their positive attitudes to learning. It also recognised the strong leadership of safeguarding and special educational needs as well as our strongly supportive parents. I would like to thank you for your continued co-operation and support. We are determined to work together as a community to ensure that, once again, St John's becomes a good school that everybody can be proud to support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr D Hemington  
Headteacher