



# St Pius X Preparatory School & Oak House Nursery

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Dear Parents

On behalf of the Governors, I'd like to inform you that we've received the official report back from the inspectors and can now comment more on their findings (the full text can be found at <https://www.stpiusx.co.uk/about-us/inspection-reports/>).

We're delighted to say that the School passed all of the specifications for:

- Quality of education
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils
- Premises and accommodation
- Provision of information
- Manner in which complaints are handled

We also met the majority of the criteria for:

- Welfare, health and safety
- Suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors

After a very rigorous scrutiny of the past 3 years, there were two elements where we didn't quite comply – these also had an impact on related areas:

- Safer Recruitment
  - Historical errors were noticed on the Single Central Register, the document used to formally record pre-employment checks. Concerns were raised when certain verifications hadn't been made in the correct order; inspectors weren't worried at all about other safeguarding procedures, or about our present staff as all their individual checks are up-to-date.
- Fire Risk Assessment
  - Here, systems weren't absolutely in line with statutory guidance at the time. The imperfections noted are already being actioned by our Health and Safety Officer.

Due to the fact that these aspects haven't always been sufficiently monitored by Governors and other senior workforce over the previous 3 years, the quality of leadership and management wasn't met. This is understandable; we have to acknowledge that it reflects the fluctuation in key positions during that period.

As previously explained, this Regulatory Compliance evaluation is similar to a vehicle MOT. Therefore, we'll be re-inspected in a few months to prove that we're now consistently meeting all requirements; and that Governors, administrators and managers are fulfilling their responsibilities effectively.

If you'd like to get in touch about anything raised by the inspection, myself and three other Governors are more than willing to talk things through and should be your point of contact. Their email addresses, along with mine, are at the foot of this letter.

We all know how tempting it is to focus on the negative, no matter how small that may be. That's why it was great that the inspectors were so full of admiration about the impressive quality of our educational provision. Both stated what a strong, positive future the School has under its new Headmaster and current team of leaders.

So, I'd like to finish by reaffirming what was stated in my introductory letter two months ago: I'm looking forward to maintaining my close working relationship with Mr Platts, ensuring that the School continues to deliver the highest standard of education – we're both united by our commitment to Gospel values and the responsibility we embrace for long term success. We are moving onwards, going from strength to strength; there are exciting times ahead!

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. P. Ferris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

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