



# St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to reassure you that following on from the fire on Dock Road last week, we continue to closely monitor the situation and have been awaiting further information and guidance from various agencies. This includes the school continuing to work directly with the Local Authority, who liaises directly with the agencies including fire service and public health.

Pupils, staff and families' safety and welfare is our top priority and through ongoing risk assessments in conjunction with the LA, fire service and Health and Safety department, we continue to monitor the situation and respond appropriately. This includes ensuring windows and doors are shut and assessing whether it is appropriate for pupils to go outside for play and outdoor learning.

At present, the expert advice from this group is that it remains safe for the school to open as normal. Should the situation change in any way, and if it is judged that it would no longer be safe for us to remain open, we will be informed immediately and I will, in turn, update you without delay.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

*Mrs B. Murphy*

Headteacher

## Understanding inspections in schools: A guide for parents and carers

**Estyn is responsible for inspecting a wide range of education and training provision in Wales, and will soon be inspecting your child's school.**

### **How do inspectors take account of my views of the school?**

Estyn wants to know your views on the school. You can do this by:

- **completing an online questionnaire** via the direct link or QR code provided by the school. The questionnaire is the easiest way of making inspectors aware of your views.
- **attending a meeting with inspectors.** The school will inform you of the date and time.

### **How will an inspection benefit my child?**

An inspection tells you about the quality of teaching and learning at your child's school. It gives the school an expert view on its work, outlining what it does well and helps it to improve.

### **Who inspects the school?**

The inspection team is led by a Reporting Inspector who has considerable experience of teaching and education. Each inspection team also includes a lay inspector and a peer inspector. Lay inspectors have not worked as teachers in a school, while peer inspectors are headteachers or managers from another school. Each school may nominate one of their senior leaders to liaise directly with the inspection team and keep the inspectors informed about the school and its work.

### **How will the school be inspected?**

Inspectors follow the guidance set out in these two documents: ['What we inspect'](#); ['How we inspect'](#)

### **How will inspectors take account of my child's view of the school?**

During the inspection, inspectors will ask groups of children how they feel about the school, their work and how well they are getting on. All learners from Year 3 and above will have the opportunity to complete an online questionnaire before the inspection.

### **How will I know the inspectors' views on the school?**

Inspection reports are published on the Estyn website 45 working days after the start of the inspection. The governing body will also send you details of the report.

### **What will be included within the report?**

The report will have overall evaluations on:

- the quality of teaching and learning
- care, support and guidance, and pupils' well-being
- leadership and improvement

### **What happens after an inspection?**

All schools must produce an action plan based on the recommendations in the inspection report.

The inspection team will consider and report whether the school requires any follow-up activity. The two types of follow-up activity are:

**Special measures:** this is the most intensive level of statutory follow-up. It involves a small team of Estyn inspectors making regular visits to review the school's progress following the publication of the inspection report

**Significant improvement:** involves a small team of Estyn inspectors visiting the school to monitor progress about 12-18 months after the publication of the inspection report

In addition to a core inspection, we will also undertake other engagements with schools and PRUs.

### **How can I contact Estyn?**

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