



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy is celebrating after being rated 'Good' in all areas by OFSTED.

Inspectors visited the school in Eastwood for two days in November 2019 and assessed the following areas: the quality of education; behaviour; personal development; leadership and management and early years provision.

In the report, inspectors praised behaviour among the pupils. They said: "Pupils are polite and well behaved. They show good manners to all. Pupils respect each other's differences. Incidents of bullying are very rare."

Helen Williams HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector), Lead Inspector, wrote: "Leaders want pupils to gain a broad range of knowledge which will help them to discover where their talents lie. The curriculum is well organised. It is designed to help pupils remember what they have learned and to build on previous learning.

"Pupils behave well in class. They have positive attitudes to learning and they achieve well. Teachers are passionate about developing pupils' love of reading. Teachers read to pupils with great gusto. Their storytelling has pupils rapt and wanting to hear more."

She also said that teachers found creative ways to help pupils develop their knowledge.

Inspectors said that pupils talked confidently about, and showed respect for, a range of different faiths and cultures.

The report said: "They (children) have a wide range of opportunities in school. They can join eco club or learn how to meditate. Older pupils help younger ones at lunchtime and with their reading."

The report also said that safeguarding arrangements were effective and that staff knew families well and worked closely with them to provide support when needed.

The Priory became part of the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust in September 2018.

Headteacher Anthony Harrison said: "The school community is really pleased that the inspectors recognised the achievements of pupils across our rich and varied curriculum. The report rightly celebrates our pupils, who are joyous in their care for one another and for the world around them. In consistently living out the school's mission, they show that they have wonderful attributes, helping them to develop their personal strengths and successes. At The Priory, our pupils clearly lie at the centre of the curriculum; with children flourishing, in the light and love of Christ."

Sean McClafferty, Chief Executive of the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT, congratulated the school.

He said: "We are extremely proud of everyone at The Priory for working so hard to achieve this fantastic grade, which is well deserved. I am delighted that the school has been recognised for providing a first class Catholic education and I am so pleased for the staff, pupils, and governors and for the local community."

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