











Monday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

Centre of Excellence IQM Status

In July 2018, in recognition of our hard work and commitment to inclusion, we gained our first IQM status after a rigorous assessment. In 2021, we decided to apply for Centre of Excellence IQM award and achieved the status.

Since achieving the Centre of Excellence IQM award we have had two annual assessments. We were most recently assessed by Sandie Isherwood early this month, who has confirmed that we once again meet the required standard.

Sandie spoke of the wonderful work taking place at St Joseph's and said 'Staff are relentless in setting clear success indicators from the outset, the whole team were able to share the way that they have cooperated to ensure that inclusion is 'just Assessor's Evaluation for the IQM CoE Award © Inclusion Quality Mark (UK) Ltd 2022/2023 what they do', it was clear that they share the goal of achieving continuation of their IQM status this year'. Sandie went on to state 'I continue to be firmly of the opinion that the school fully meets the standard required by the Inclusion Quality Mark to maintain its status as a Centre of Excellence. Over the past year it has also developed its practice further regarding inclusion and strengthened what it achieved last year. I also believe that their response to ever developing education thinking and changes brought in show how they have the capacity, to move still further on in their IQM inclusion journey'.

This award recognises all the hard work and expertise our staff continue to share with our school and the wider community. Although the IQM assessment was led by myself and Miss C. Bennett, this has been a team effort and all staff have worked relentlessly to ensure positive outcomes for our children.

We are incredibly proud of this award and I am sure you will join us in celebrating this wonderful achievement.

The full report will be shared on our school website.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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