



OUR LADY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share with you the Diocesan RE Inspection Report following our inspection on 10 May 2019. A copy of the Report is attached and is also available on the School website.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that the Catholic life of the School was graded as outstanding and classroom religious education was graded as good. Within both sections the judgements for leadership and management were outstanding.

The inspectors commented:

“Despite turbulent times, this is a school that celebrates its Catholic life in an authentic way. It is clearly outstanding in this respect.”

“Despite a recent period of challenging circumstances for the School, leaders have clearly been focused on keeping religious education at the heart of the curriculum.”

The Report recognises the significant work of Mrs Nicholson and all of the staff. Comments include:

“The headteacher’s relentless approach, through a very difficult period for the school, in ensuring all pupils have an enriching Catholic experience is to be commended. She has been an inspiration; she has been steadfast and committed to driving the school forward...”

“All staff are deeply committed to the pastoral care of pupils and relationships in the school are exemplary.”

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to thank Mrs Nicholson and all the staff for their dedication and hard work.





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I would also like to thank the Governing Body for their tireless work for the school and, in particular Fr Tom and Mrs Elizabeth Wills, our RE link governor.

As the Report says "Governors play an active role in school and make a significant contribution to its success."

To you our parents and carers - this is a partnership and I was particularly pleased to note the comment that "the recent RE survey was a testament to the fact that the majority of parents support the school wholeheartedly and are committed to the vision of the headteacher."

Finally to all our children you are the best example of the school living out our mission statement - Together at Our Lady School we are living, learning and growing through Jesus Christ and his Church. Thank you.

We do not rest on our laurels and, as always, the Report suggests some areas for development which we will work on.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Kind regards

Neil Adams
Chair of Governors

