



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be sending you our inspection report following the Section 48 inspection that took place on 26<sup>th</sup> November. The inspectors carried out an extremely thorough inspection which involved observing RE lessons in every year group from nursery to Year 6; meeting with groups of children; reviewing the enormous amount of parent responses to their questionnaire; interviewing myself, Mrs Pugh (our RE leader); the staff 'Healthy Spirit/Chaplaincy Team, Fr Brendan (our Lead Governor for RE) and Ms McGowan (Our Chair of the Governing Board). They also scrutinised pupils' books, the school's self-evaluation documents and RE assessment data.

The inspection judges the *School's Overall Effectiveness* and the *School's Capacity for Sustained Improvement*. It inspects the three key areas of *Catholic Life; Religious Education and Collective Worship*. The inspectors found the school to be **'Outstanding'** in all areas.

We are absolutely delighted by the outcome of the inspection and in particular by some of the comments within the report which truly reflect our priorities as a Catholic school, such as: 'Pupils learn to respect themselves and others, and this translates into an inclusive school where the vulnerable are supported and valued'; 'Parents are highly appreciative of the school's ethos, academic standards and rapport with staff'; 'Relationships between pupils are characterised by true Christian respect and love for others.'; 'pupils proudly explain how the school's values impact on their own attitudes and behaviour, which is exemplary.'; 'this is a joyful, welcoming and supportive community with strongly positive relationships between colleagues and with the pupils'

The inspectors appeared particularly impressed by the vast number of parental responses to their questionnaire. Whilst the responses were accessible to only the inspectors, I understand from their feedback that parents were overwhelmingly positive about the school. Thank you to all who responded and showed such strong support for our school – it is a wonderful reflection of the warm sense of family community that makes St Bernadette's such a special place.

I note from the report that, Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) is a 'concern for a tiny minority of parents'. Our next information session for parents regarding our RSHE provision will take place towards the end of spring term. I urge anyone with concerns to attend the session where they will be able to view the materials and discuss our curriculum, which I trust will be reassuring for those with any concerns.

I hope you enjoy reading the report as much as we did. There are of course areas outlined for further development, which I assure you, we will continue to strive to address.

Yours faithfully,

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