



Saint Christina's School

6th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to attach the Diocesan Religious Education Inspection Report referring to the Inspection which took place on Friday 3rd October 2017.

I am very proud of all our children and staff for devoting their energy and enthusiasm towards Religious Education at Saint Christina's, and for welcoming and sharing with the inspectors a snapshot of some of the wonderful work they do every single day.

I am delighted that the inspectors acknowledged that there is a great deal of excellent practice in our school, and that they were full of praise when commenting on the Catholic life of the school.

The inspectors pointed out to me that the framework for inspection this time is very different to the one they used in 2012, when we were last inspected. Indeed, they were very surprised that there were no recommendations made last time, which was unusual. We will of course act upon the recommendations they have given us in this report.

I would like to draw your attention to the covering letter below, which I received from Jane Goring, who is the Chief Inspector of Schools within the Westminster Diocese.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who completed the inspection survey, and for all of you who support us in the everyday task of educating the children whom you have entrusted to our care.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Finlayson
Headteacher

Dear Jenny

I would like to congratulate you, governors, your leadership team and staff on this wonderful diocesan inspection report!

It was a delight to read how independent observers were impressed by the enriching educational experience provided by St Christina's for your pupils. The richness of the prayer life and the extent to which the pupils were involved in planning worship and so making it their own highlighted how you are creating future Catholic leaders at St Christina's! You provide so many opportunities for the pupils to grow to become the people God created them to be and to develop compassion, notably for those on the margins of society; again the involvement of the pupils in the leadership of this aspect of school life is inspirational. I enjoyed reading about how you empower your pupils in the development of their religious literacy and their ability to articulate their faith in such a mature fashion. What also came through as a real strength was the range of your partnerships with parents and with your founding order and the way in which you engage with them to ensure pupils receive the best Catholic education you can offer.

As always it is the quality of leadership, the vision, clarity and inspiration of the head and her leadership team, with governors and with your founding religious community, that enables a school to move forward with such strength.

The amendments you requested have been mostly agreed and the report has been published on the Diocesan website. It is therefore ready for you to share with parents and to publish on your own website. I might just note that the Inspection Framework sets out that there are two separate outcomes, Classroom Religious Education and Catholic life of the school and these are judged independently.

With every good wish and warmest congratulations.



Jane Goring
Chief Inspector of Schools
Diocese of Westminster

