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Dear Parent / Guardian

In November we were inspected by the Archdiocese of Birmingham under Section 48 of the Education Act (2005). This is our diocesan inspection which takes place every five years. Due to factors beyond our control there has been some delay in completing and sending the final report to us, however, I have now received it and I am very pleased to be able to share it with you.

Please take some time to read through it as it gives a fair and accurate picture of where we are as a school and recognises the excellent work that takes place in the RE Department and across our school. We also recognise that we still have lots of work to do but we are confident that the changes we have made to improve the school are now gaining momentum and we are pleased this has been acknowledged by the Diocese.

Some of the key findings include;

'The school is guided by the five core principles of Lasallian education. Because these have been adopted as the 'St Margaret Ward Way', pupils are aware of the responsibilities they have for others, as part of the Catholic community.'

'Because the overwhelming majority of teaching in Religious Education is at least good, pupils' engagement in lessons is outstanding and they model excellent behaviours for learning.'

'Within the Religious Education department, teachers adopt a consistent approach to delivering lessons. Consequently, standards continue to rise, and much progress is made within individual lessons. Religious Education is at the forefront of developments in teaching & learning in this school.'

'The pastoral care of pupils is strong. A new behaviour policy has been implemented and is centred on the concept that each individual is called by God to discern and live out their vocation. This policy has raised standards within the school.'

'Through the recently devised 'touching hearts' curriculum, pupils benefit from an enriched personal development programme. As part of this, pupils are developed holistically, with clear learning intentions that are firmly rooted in a Catholic context. As a result, pupils feel that the school is preparing them well for a faith-filled adult life.'

'The staff's commitment to the Catholic Life of the school is strong; they are united together in their contribution to the common good. Their passion for education and the high expectations they have for their pupils are clear for all to see.'

'Remarkable steps to improve the school have been taken since the last inspection.'

Should you require a paper copy of this report please contact the main office to arrange for one to be sent out free of charge.

Yours Sincerely

D McKenna
Principal

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