



Department for Christian Education

MONITORING VISIT at St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School on 12th April, 2016

THESE ARE OUTSTANDING AREAS TO CELEBRATE

- The quality of Collective Worship provided by the school has been greatly enhanced following in-service since the last inspection. Pupils take a much more active role in planning, preparing and leading worship from the earliest years. The school has gathered together an impressive portfolio of evidence in support of this.
- The quality of teaching and learning is enhanced by the strategies that teachers employ in delivering Religious Education lessons. The wide range of activities observed on the day both enthused and engaged pupils. Of particular note was a game used to reinforce learning which created fun, healthy competition and challenge. Lessons observed were indicative of the very high standards set across the school.
- The Religious Education workbooks and quality of marking is of a particularly high standard. Marking is both affirming and challenging and there is some evidence of next steps. Driver Words are used effectively to ensure pupils are given lots of opportunities to deepen their understanding.
- Relationships at all levels at St. Benedict's are excellent and a real strength is the supportive role played by other adults in the classroom to maximise learning. Pupils' behaviour is exemplary across the school they are friendly and are able to articulate their own ideas with confidence.

THESE ARE AREAS FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT

- The school needs to begin using the Archdiocesan proformas for planning Religious Education lessons. This will enhance current practise and ensure that the language of the level descriptors is used succinctly in all lesson objectives. This will further extend the high standards already achieved.
- Continue working through the Self Evaluation Document addressing the areas outlined for improvement.

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