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Dear Parents and Carers

**Section 48 (Diocesan) Inspection of St Joseph's School Catholic Primary School,  
17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

I am writing this letter to share with you the findings of the diocesan inspection of your children's school. Diocesan inspection now explores in detail the school's own view of itself as expressed in its self-evaluation. For this reason, much of the report is more technical than used to be the case. You are still entitled to have a copy of the full report should you want one and it will be available on the school website or by request from the school office.

The school judges itself to be predominantly outstanding in its Catholic life, worship and religious education. Inspection verifies this judgement to be accurate. The school is inclusive and all pupils benefit significantly from the Catholic life of the school. Their behaviour is excellent and they treat each other, all members of staff and visitors with courtesy and respect. The prayer and worship provided by the school and by the pupils themselves is outstanding and all the children value and fully participate with reverence and enjoyment. The headteacher, deputy, senior leadership and staff are fully committed to ensuring excellence in Catholic life, worship and RE. Development plans place these things as the highest priority.

In RE attainment is good and often better but progress is outstanding. Most pupils enter the school with very limited knowledge of scripture, the Faith and liturgy but by Year 6 they have a very good understanding of all these aspects. They make outstanding progress because the curriculum is well planned, teaching is never less than good and is frequently outstanding, and assessment is thorough and informs planning. The school provides outstanding opportunities for spiritual, moral and vocational development.

I have recommended that leaders should continue to develop further the procedures for recording the monitoring Catholic life and worship and to raise attainment by providing greater challenge in RE for the more able pupils.

It was a pleasure to visit St Joseph's School. The pupils were very welcoming, courteous and extremely well behaved. The school is a haven that truly lives out its mission statement and in which the pupils love and learn effectively in tranquillity and harmony.

Yours sincerely

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Diocesan Inspector