



## Department for CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### MONITORING VISIT at St. Richard's Catholic Primary School on 15 March 2017

#### THESE ARE THE AREAS TO CELEBRATE

- St. Richard's Mission Statement "*To know, love and follow Jesus*" is known, owned and lived out daily in this most inclusive school community. The learning environment is bright and stimulating and offers lots of areas for quiet reflection. There is both an inside prayer room and an outside prayer garden which is well used and lovingly cared for.
- The quality of teaching and learning in Religious Education is enhanced by the strategies that teachers employ to enthuse and engage pupils. Lessons observed were well planned, rich in resources and indicative of the high standards set across the school.
- There are excellent relationships at every level within the school. Pupils are ambassadors for the school and their behaviour is exemplary.
- The quality of work pupils produce is clear from their books. They are a celebration of all the wonderful work that pupils undertake in Religious Education. Children and staff are proud of their books and marking is both affirming and challenging.
- Collective Worship and prayer are central to the life of the school. There is evidence of children planning, preparing and leading worship from their earliest years. Evaluations have become a routine part of their practice. The chaplaincy group are involved in assemblies and worship times. Parents and carers are warmly welcomed to share in celebrations.
- Since the last Inspection a new deputy has been appointed who has taken over the subject leadership role. She has begun to build on the solid foundations previously set, undertaken new initiatives and continued to drive the school forward and make the role her own.

#### THESE ARE AREAS FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT

- To introduce the Archdiocesan planning template for all staff from September 2017. To aid this it is recommended the school undertakes In-service training from a member of the Christian Education Team in the summer term.
- To continue working on the areas identified in the Self Evaluation Document.

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