

Dear Parents/Carers

Religious Education Inspection (Section 48 Inspection) Tuesday 5th December 2018

Wow! Fantastic! Congratulations! Wonderful News! Brilliant! We were judged as OUTSTANDING

As you are aware in early December we had our RE inspection. A team of four inspectors from Liverpool Archdiocese spent the day in our school to inspect the quality of RE in our school. They inspected every a lesson in every class, 2 collective worships (assemblies), pupils work, displays throughout the school, a large amount of school paperwork, and met with the school council, governors, RE lead (Mrs Birch), Fr. FitzGerald and myself. A very thorough inspection.

We are delighted with the outcome and feel that it justly reflects the excellent RE practice across our school.

There is a full copy of the report on the school website. If you would like a printed copy of the full report please contact the school office and we are happy to provide you with one.

Here below are some quotes taken directly from the report to give you a flavour of what the inspectors said.

St. Michael's Catholic Primary School is outstanding in providing Catholic Education

Pupils

Pupils at St. Michael's are inspired by their mission, 'With Jesus we can achieve what we dream and believe.' They contribute to the school's evaluation of its mission. They live its clear message fully and on the day of inspection one child commented, 'If we live it we are a happy school.'

They take a leading role in those activities which promote the schools' Catholic Life and mission both within school and in the wider community such as fundraising for numerous charities, for example, CAFOD, Children in Need and Red Nose Day. They are alert to the needs of others and seek justice for all and regularly respond to any disasters that affect the lives of their global neighbours. Pupils recognise the importance of serving others.

Pupils are confident in expressing pride in their own religious and cultural identity and beliefs. Pupils have taken part in a National Language Celebration to gain insights into other cultures and communities.

Pupils response to and participation in the school's Collective Worship is outstanding.

Pupils concentrate well and are actively engaged in lessons and are committed to improving their knowledge, understanding and skills, in order to further develop as competent learners. Pupils enjoy tackling challenging activities, and respond exceptionally well to opportunities which extend their learning.

The experience of living and working in a faithful, praying community has a profound and visible effect on the spiritual and moral development of all pupils, irrespective of ability or faith background. They have a deep sense of respect and are an inclusive prayerful community.

Behaviour in lessons is outstanding because pupils enjoy Religious Education.

Staff

*The quality of teaching, learning and assessment in Religious Education is **outstanding**.*

*On the day of inspection, **all** lessons observed were **outstanding**. Teachers are enthusiastic and passionate in their delivery and linked Scripture to their own and the lives of the pupils. They have high expectations and pupils respond enthusiastically.*

Teaching assistants are carefully planned for and they provide varied, creative and outstanding care and support to many individuals and groups throughout the school.

Staff promote high standards of behaviour and are outstanding examples of mutual respect and forgiveness.

Leaders, Governors and Parish Priest

Leaders and governors are outstanding in promoting, monitoring and evaluating the provision for Religious Education.

The provision for the Catholic Life of the school is given the highest possible priority by leaders.

The curriculum leader, (Mrs Birch) has high aspirations and an inspiring vision for Religious Education across the school. The parish priest is a regular visitor to classrooms and fully supports the religious education programme as the need arises.

Parents and Carers

Parent questionnaires show that the majority of parents are in full agreement of the Catholic values and the welcome they receive at school.

A Quote from Jeanette Riley: School Chair of Governors:

'A huge congratulations to the whole school community, this really is a fantastic read. The report truly reflects the hard work and commitment to values displayed throughout the school. I am always proud to say I am a governor and former pupil of St Michael's, I'm amazingly proud today!'

A sincere congratulations to all. Thank you to all the staff, children, governors, Fr Fitz and parents who in partnership have secured this brilliant achievement for the St Michael's.

Thank you Alyson Rigby Headteacher