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Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

24th March 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

Following our recent RE inspection which was carried out by three senior CSI inspectors on the 1st-2nd March 2023, pupils', staff, governors and myself are totally thrilled that external inspectors have seen and recognised the true spirit of our school. Our pupils shone and we could not have been prouder of all of them. Yesterday, I received the final copy of the report and a congratulatory letter from Mrs Deborah Fox, Director of Education, who said;

"The report clearly shows that St John Vianney Catholic Primary School is an outstanding school, where the word of God is central to all you do, and is known, lived, witnessed and celebrated by the whole community. I am pleased to hear that the inspirational teaching ensures the enjoyment and progress of pupils in religious education. Please pass on my thanks and good wishes to all."

As part of the inspection process Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship were all explored in great detail by all three inspectors, and our pupils were our greatest asset, as they were able to talk about all of their learning and the wide amount of support they receive from all staff. Comments in the report include:

"A strong, welcoming and inclusive Catholic culture pervades and Gospel values lie at the heart of the school community."

"The behaviour of the pupils is exemplary."

"Staff act as excellent role models and provide the highest levels of pastoral care."

"Pupils know that they are genuinely loved and made in the image of God"

"The subject leader inspires colleagues to keep Christ at the heart of the school."

"Pupils with additional needs achieve well because lessons are appropriately adapted to enable them to access the curriculum alongside their peers."

"Staff recognise that the actions of the Headteacher are transformative."

"The subject leader is tenacious in her monitoring of RE and diligent in her support of colleagues."

"Prayer is central to the life of the school and pupils participate reverently and enthusiastically."

"There is a great emphasis on scripture across school."

"The spiritual growth of all pupils is sensitively supported."

"The headteacher has been inspirational in her vision for the centrality of prayer, her strong leadership and enthusiasm has ensured policies are applied well. One pupil commented about the headteacher that she makes sure God is at the centre of all we do."

"Pupils are thoughtful, knowledgeable and religiously literate; the quality of their responses is exceptional."



I am attaching the complete copy of the report for you to read, publishing it on the school website and copying it to all staff and governors; I am sure you will all join us in congratulating all of your children for their part in this inspection process. I am extremely sensitive to the current national news about the pressure and potential trauma and damage experienced by school leaders as a result of statutory inspections; which is why I am focusing on the more complete and holistic way inspectors have recognised our whole school community rather than on a single word grading.

Best wishes,

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