

Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Section 48 Diocesan Religious Education Inspection Report

You should receive with this covering letter a copy of Margaret Roper's Diocesan RE Inspection Report, which took place on Friday 14th November 2014 and which we have recently received. We are delighted to share with you the outstanding grade we received.

Voluntary Aided schools are subject to a separate inspection for Religious Education, usually in the term after their OFSTED inspection. Our inspection was carried out by two inspectors from the Diocese of Southwark who observed lessons, examined policies and procedures and spoke with pupils, staff and parents. You will remember completing a questionnaire around the time of the inspection.

As with OFSTED, the inspectors evaluate the schools own self evaluation of strengths and areas for development and we are pleased to report that they were in agreement with our own judgements regarding where the school is outstanding and the areas we are focussing on into the future. As a faith school, this inspection is very important to us as the distinctive Catholic nature of our school is what distinguishes us from other schools; it underpins and influences everything we do and is primarily the reason you chose our school over other local schools for the education of your children.

We were very pleased with the outcomes of the report which judge our school as outstanding and believe it accurately reflects our school. The Catholic life of the school comes across very strongly and the report reflects the very strong relationships the school has with parents, the parish and the wider communities we serve. We were pleased that the report mentions that *'Margaret Roper is a warm and welcoming inclusive Catholic community'*, and that *'..pupils feel safe and happy, they enjoy coming to school and are proud to be its pupils.'*

I would like to congratulate the staff on their continued effort which has resulted in such a positive report. In particular Mrs O'Byrne has led and managed Religious Education with great skill, vision and hard work and I am grateful to her for all her effort. Our Governors also continue to contribute to the active worship life of our school and its Catholic mission and they have our thanks. Finally, the excellent liaison we have with our Clergy, and particularly our chaplain, Canon Pannett, adds greatly to the strength of our school and I would like to thank Canon Jim for his unfailing support.

I hope you will agree with us that this report confirms the view we have of our school as a living witness to our shared faith and a place of excellence. If you do have any comments on the report I would be glad to hear from you. Please take the time to read it carefully.



In the meantime I look forward to seeing many of you at our Carol Service on Thursday at 9.15am as we make our final Advent preparations and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy Christmas and a restful break.

Yours sincerely



Dermot J Mooney
On behalf of the Governors of Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School.

