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Dear Parents and Carers

Section 48 (Diocesan) Inspection of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, 8th – 9th July 2014

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.

St Patrick's is a good Catholic school. The leadership of religious education by the RE leader and the headteacher is good and is given a high priority in the life of the school. The governors are deeply committed to the school and with the parish priest give strong guidance. Collective worship is excellent with pupils receiving and leading thoughtful acts of worship. All teaching of RE is good and better and leads the children to think deeply about their faith. The RE curriculum is well balanced and planned. There are effective systems in place for monitoring RE and the Catholic life of the school including analysis of pupil attainment. The behaviour of the pupils is very good; they are respectful and reverent in Mass and other services. The pupils care for each other and are kind and generous to those in need as evidenced by their work for a variety of charities.

I have recommended that the school should establish a robust system whereby all monitoring and evaluation of the RE curriculum and Catholic life feed into and become central to the overall school improvement plan. In addition they should ensure that the good practice evident in RE is sustained and developed alongside other key priorities. They should also evaluate and plan for greater in depth awareness of other faiths in order to promote peace and tolerance.

Throughout the inspection your children were extremely courteous, polite and well behaved. He school is a safe haven for all who are there and it is a place of great spirituality. The pupils love and respect their faith and are eager to learn more about it. Many thanks to you as parents and carers for the support you give them and for the way you support and embrace St Patrick's school and parish.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Baines
Diocesan Inspector