



Findings of Denominational Inspection Report 2018

On the 11th and 12th July 2018, in the closing weeks of the last academic year, our school had its Denominational Inspection (Section 48). The inspectors were in for 2 days and observed lessons, scrutinised pupil books, displays and the learning environment. They interviewed staff, pupils and governors and circulated a survey to all parents.

Inspectors found the school to be outstanding in ALL areas. This was found to be the judgement in preceding inspections in December 2007, July 2011 and May 2013. This equates to a judgement of over a decade of Outstanding Catholic Education.

It was wonderful to see our pupils credited -

'Pupils are happy, well- rounded, caring individuals who are extremely proud to belong to this exceptional Catholic community where 'All are Welcome'. (page 2)

'Behaviour is exemplary across the school, with pupils having a strong respect for themselves and others, saying their favourite thing about the school is 'belonging to a family'.' (page 5)

It is most gratifying to see that the excellent calibre of our staff was commended in their teaching, in provision for personalised pastoral support and as positive role models for our children.

'Staff promote high standards of behaviour and provide role models of mutual respect and forgiveness. The high quality of pastoral care in which every child is valued, has created an open, inclusive culture enabling all to develop and grow.' (page 2)

One parent stated in their survey response -

'The teachers go over and above and the children follow their lead.'

A strong theme throughout the report was the strength of community at Saint Patrick's school. This was typified by, what the inspectors commented on as, an overwhelming and positive response to the Inspection Parent Survey.

'The school is highly regarded by parents and has good links with the parish.' (page 3)

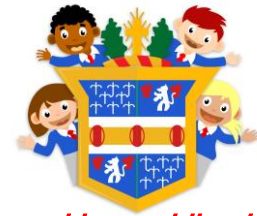
The report now recommends the school -

'...share the outstanding practice in RE and Chaplaincy with other schools within the Camino Partnership and other Catholic schools.' (page 3)

As ever, this does not mean that we can afford to get complacent. Governors, leaders and all staff will continue to seek out and consolidate the best possible opportunities in which our pupils can continue to flourish. The full report is available on our school website.



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Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary serves the parishes of Saint Patrick's Corsham and Saint Anthony of Padua in Melksham, as well as families in the outlying villages who seek a Christian, values based primary education for their child.

Whilst there can still be a common misconception that families have to be Catholic or Christian to attend our school, this is NOT the case, as the intake of our pupils and staff is broad and balanced. We welcome children from all or no faith backgrounds!

If anyone would like to come and see our school in action, please contact the school office on 01249 713125 or email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk.

Alternatively, families are most welcome to attend our OPEN DAYS on Friday 5th October and Friday 16th November from 9.30 - 11.30am.



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