



Headteacher: Niamh Arnull

5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents

As you know, we were inspected by a team from the Diocese in March. Five inspectors came to judge the quality of RE teaching and the Catholic Life of our School.

Please find below extracts from a covering letter from the Chief Inspector, Jane Goring. The actual Section 48 report is attached with this letter. We are very pleased and proud of this report and hope you are too. We will continue to review and evaluate our provision and act upon the agreed next steps, to ensure we go from strength to strength.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and cooperation. Please do let me know if you have any specific questions or queries with any aspect of this report.

Yours sincerely

Niamh Arnull  
Headteacher

Dear Niamh

Congratulations to you, governors, leadership team and staff on this wonderful diocesan inspection report!

As you know, Finchley Catholic is a school close to my heart for a variety of reasons, and it was a delight to see that the inspectors were as impressed as the community you serve with the work that you do! It really is a school where relationships are strong and people are valued. As objective observers, they were inspired by so many examples of the ways in which pupils are being developed as leaders – in liturgy and in supporting the Common Good and I know that this will go on to reap rewards when your students play their part as adults in their own communities. It was uplifting to read about the rich and vibrant prayer life of the school and the ways in which your pupils and students develop compassion and empathy within their own school and in the wider community. They are given so many opportunities to develop a relationship with God and to grow to become the person God created them to be. The report brings alive your achievements in building a truly cohesive, outstanding Catholic community. What also came through as a real strength was the way in which the pupils are empowered in the development of their religious

literacy; you are making classroom religious education the best it can be, fashioning a love of the subject and so developing the pupils' ability to articulate their faith with maturity.

As always it is the quality of leadership, the vision and inspiration of the head and her leadership team, together with governors, that enables a school to move forward with such strength.

With every good wish and warmest congratulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jane Caird". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'C'.