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REPORT ON THE MONITORING INSPECTION OF OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS

School:	St Vincent's Catholic Primary School
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Inspector:	Mrs A Kelly

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School continues to be successful in providing an outstanding Catholic education for the pupils in its care.

The Mission Statement is at the heart of all the school does and reflects the living faith community that is experienced by all who come into contact with the school. The environment reflects this commitment with high quality displays and artefacts.

Leadership is outstanding. The focused, dedicated and highly motivated Headteacher is well supported by an effective Religious Education (RE) subject leader, Parish Priest, governors and staff. They have a clear vision of the Catholic life of the school, which is communicated clearly to all. Leaders, governors and managers know their school well. Robust monitoring and evaluation strategies ensure there is no room for complacency. The R.E. subject leader has been instrumental in continually looking at ways to improve and enhance the provision of Religious Education and Collective Worship. The quality of teaching and learning is consistently high.

Pupils enjoy school and behave in an exemplary manner. They feel safe, valued and believe their views are respected. One pupil said 'we are proud of our school' many commented on the friendly atmosphere and another said 'no one is left out, we all know each other'.

Relationships are a strength of the school. Excellent relationships exist between pupils, staff, parents, governors and the wider parish community, where the school is held in high esteem. Pupils have a very clear understanding of the values their school promotes and how they impact on their own lives and the lives of those around them.

The quality of Collective Worship is outstanding. Pupils contribute to and participate in Collective Worship with great reverence and respect. This was evident in both the celebration of Mass and a class celebration of Collective Worship, in the new 'lodge'. Here every child was attentive and engaged. This reflects the many high quality opportunities and variety of experiences for Collective Worship provided for the pupils. Collective Worship is further enhanced by the confidence and motivation of the pupils in preparing and leading their own class prayer and liturgy. The recently created class Collective Worship boxes aid and support pupils preparing and leading class prayer. Also the use of the new log cabin, the 'lodge' provides a peaceful setting, which assists staff and pupils in creating a real sense of awe and wonder during Collective Worship.

Providing a high standard of Religious Education is at the heart of school life. Gospel values permeate through all areas of the curriculum. There is a strong sense of team work, where everyone feels valued, morale is high and pupils flourish.

Areas of Outstanding Practice

Outcomes for pupils

All pupils are encouraged to take responsibility and be fully involved in the school community. The older pupils enthusiastically take on roles as prefects, house captains, reading buddies and class monitors, to name but a few. An extensive range of enrichment activities take place such as Advent / Easter prayer groups, Mini Vinnies and fund raising efforts, which ensure that pupils are actively involved in living out the Mission of the school.

Leaders and Managers

Leaders and managers are deeply committed to the Catholic mission of the school. All areas of the Religious curriculum are robustly monitored and evaluated. This has a positive impact in raising standards, as priorities for development are clearly identified and understood by all.

Provision

Collective Worship is central to the life of St Vincent's school community. Frequent opportunities and a wide variety of experiences of Collective Worship are provided for all pupils. The introduction of class Collective Worship resource boxes aid and support pupils in preparing and leading their own class prayer and liturgy.