



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

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Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



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The news is in – Section 48 Inspection report will be published this week.

The new RE framework overview:

As you may have heard, the Catholic Schools Inspection framework has changed to bring it in-line with the OfSTED framework. Leeds Diocese has been supporting schools to understand the new framework and St Paulinus has been working hard to implement and address all the changes since the previous inspection framework. Their grading system has also changed and what they can and cannot put in reports is also much more tightly monitored. As a school, we get a lot more detail in our feedback and so I have tried to give you some of this below. For more information, you can read the full report.

Overview of grades you can be awarded and what they mean:

Under the current framework you receive: a grade for Quality of the school's catholic life, mission and values (this incorporates day to day life of the school including behaviour and attitudes to learning and towards one another and looks at the charity work and values we promote and instil in the children); a grade for the quality of the provision for RE education (this is teaching, learning, progress and achievement in learning about RE); and a grade for the provision for worship (this includes collective worship, when we gather together as a community and pupil leadership within worship). Schools can be awarded one of the following grades in each of these areas and then we achieve an overall grade:

Outstanding – as with OfSTED, it is rare to get this grade under the new framework and a real accomplishment if you achieve it.

Good – this means you are a great school and is the aim for all schools to achieve this.

Requires Improvement – this means that you are providing an adequate or satisfactory education but there are areas for you to improve on to get your school to “good”.

Inadequate – this means that you are not providing an adequate education and the school needs rapid improvement to ensure that children are well cared for academically and/ or personally.

Have we made progress from our last inspection? Yes we have!

We achieved all of our previously set targets entirely - Creative RE was strong across school and worship “was a strength”.

What did they say this time?

Our Inspectors were very positive about the school – praising the staff and children for all that they do. I have included the opening extract for you all below to show what the school does well and what we will be working on next!

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What the school does well

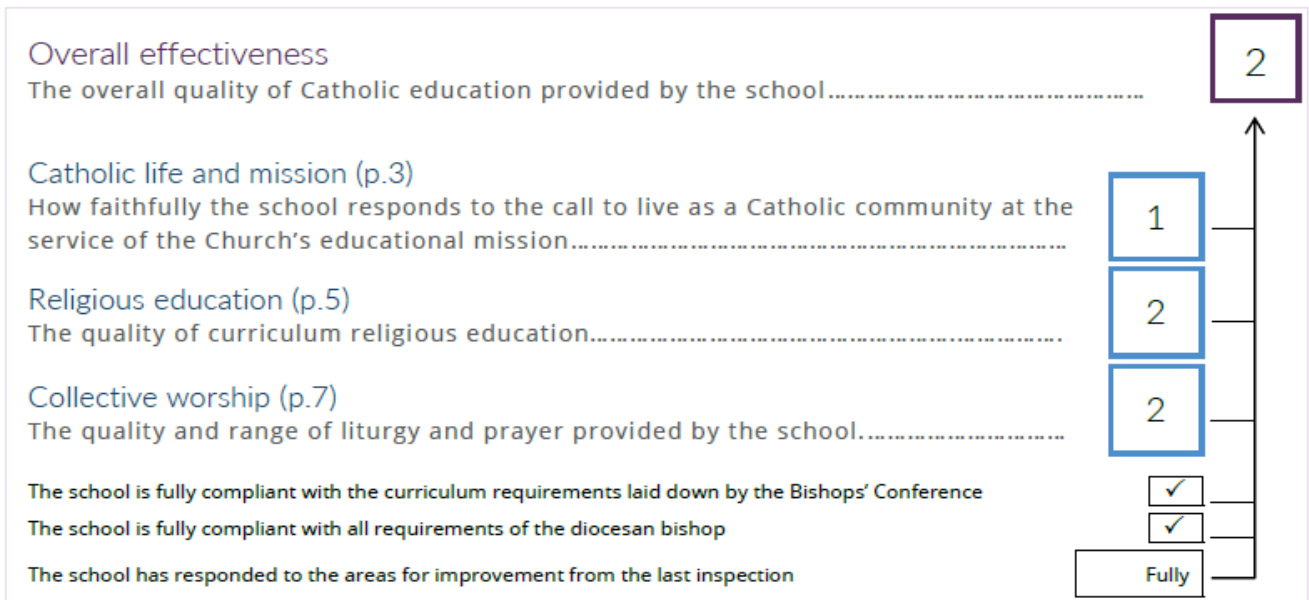
- ✓ The provision, pastoral care, love and support for all pupils, especially the most vulnerable, is exceptional; this is reflected in the range of innovative support mechanisms that are available to pupils and families.
- ✓ Pupils demonstrate a rich depth of knowledge in religious education; they can orally articulate their learning to a high standard.
- ✓ The Catholic life and mission of the school is outstanding and can be seen in the everyday relationships between all members of the school community.
- ✓ Prayer and liturgy in the school is a strength; pupils enjoy and value the various opportunities for quiet reflection.
- ✓ Pupils display a high standard of behaviour built on mutual love and respect; this is evident during lessons and unstructured times.

What the school needs to improve:

- To use the established creative approach to religious education to provide opportunities for pupils to develop their independence through extended pieces of writing.
- To ensure that the presentation of pupils’ books more accurately reflects the love of learning that pupils have of religious education.
- To develop pupils’ evaluation of child- led worship so that evaluations include how the spiritual experiences of pupils can be enhanced and include the views of the participants as well as the pupils leading the worship.

The judgements:

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I really would encourage everyone to read the report and not just look at the labels given. We thank all families for your support and we will continue to do our best for all the children here as we continue to tackle the gaps in knowledge from lockdowns etc and move the school forwards in its goal to enable every child to succeed and flourish. Thank you,

Miss Hayes and the staff of St. Paulinus

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