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Dear David,

It was a pleasure to read the report from your recent Section 48 Inspection.

The report recognises SS Peter and Paul is "a good Catholic school" where pupils are encouraged to be aspirational, while also developing an understanding of how they need to care for each other through action and prayer. It was wonderful to read the many comments referring to the ways you and the staff care for the pupils and ensure they develop spiritually as well as academically.

I know of the recent challenges the school has faced during the restructuring processes, of both the governing body and the senior leadership structure. As Headteacher, you must be happy with the comments detailing the positive impact these changes are now having in the Catholic life of the school as well as standards in Religious Education. Through the visit reports from the Religious Education team, I am aware of how knowledgeable and dedicated the subject leader is. She is to be congratulated on the ways in which she ensures that Religious Education and spirituality is weaved throughout the school day.

Reading of how much of the teaching at SS Peter and Paul is creative and engaging, was a delight. I am sure that the emphasis placed on staff development combined with comprehensive monitoring has led to higher pupil attainment in some classes. I did, however, note that some teachers are still working to ensure pupils are provided with the appropriate challenge and support to attain the higher levels. I am confident that going forward, the excellent practice will be built upon which will enable all pupils to achieve their highest potential.

It is wonderful that Collective Worship at SS Peter and Paul is inclusive and welcoming to those of all faiths in the school community. Pupils clearly appreciate being able to create prayers to be shared as well as reading and serving in Masses and liturgies. High quality CPD ensures that teachers are able to plan, lead and evaluate worship throughout the school and



I agree with the inspectors that it is now time for pupils to become more enabled in this area.

I am sure you have already begun to address the areas of development as identified by the inspection team.

Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to all in the school community for helping make SS Peter and Paul school a good ambassador for Catholic Education.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Dr Anne Bamford  
Director of Education

cc. Helen Arnold – Chair of Governors  
Bishop Paul Hendricks