

INSPECTION REPORT St Patrick's RC Primary School Rochdale

Inspection date 20th January 2014
 Reporting Inspector Sister Judith Russi
 Mr Martin Johnson

Inspection carried out in accordance with Section 48 of the Education Act 2005

Type of School Catholic Primary
 URN 105827
 Age range of pupils 4-11 years
 Number on roll 309
 Appropriate authority The Governing Body
 Chair of Governors Mrs Pamela Kershaw
 Head teacher Mrs Monica Walczak
 Date of previous inspection December 2008

The Inspection judgements are:	Grade	Explanation of the Grades 1 = Outstanding 2 = Good 3 = Requires improvement
Overall effectiveness of the school	1	
The quality of Catholic Leadership	1	
The quality of the Word of God community	1	
The quality of the Welcome community	1	
The quality of Welfare	1	
The quality of Worship	1	
The quality of Witness	1	
<i>The following pages provide reasons to support these judgements</i>		

January 20th 2014

Dear Pupils

Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome you gave us when we came to visit you. We had a wonderful day and were only sorry that it was over so quickly. Thank you so much to everyone who helped us feel so welcome and at home.

You are an outstanding school which is striving to be the very best you can be. This is because you are all working so well to help one another grow into the people God has created you to become. We loved your outside areas and thought your prayer garden was beautiful.

A very special word of thanks to all the pupils who looked after us so well at lunch time and showed us your work on the Mission Statement.

Chaplains, everyone is so proud of what you have achieved in a very short time. We hope you are too. In order to help you develop further your teachers, governors and Father Joe are going to explore more ideas of how you might be able to help Father in the parish.

We were very impressed with your behaviour, respect for each other and the way you clearly are so proud of your school. To help you to improve your teachers are going to develop your critical thinking skills so that you can go even further in your learning.

To all St Patrick's pupil's we would like to say 'Thank you' and keep up your very high standards of behaviour, respect and love for one another.

Yours sincerely

Sr Judith Russi

(Section 48 Inspector)

Summary Report to Parents

On the 20th January 2014 the school was inspected in accordance with Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. The full report has been made available to the school and can also be accessed via both the school website and the Education section on the website of the Diocese of Salford.

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCHOOL

St Patrick's is led by an inspirational and innovative team of Governors and Head teacher. The Governors and leadership team have recently led the review of the mission statement. *Together, through love and service, each person will come to know God and will grow to be the individual that they were created to be.* This is having a significant impact on the life of the school as a reference point for all Self Evaluation, Review and Development, formulation of policies and relationship. It is the point of reference challenging every person to be their very best. Pupils were clearly proud of their class mission statement books which contain pupil reflections on how they are living out the mission statement each day. The Head teacher and deputy head teacher engage all teachers and support staff in a structured programme of induction beginning with the mission of the Church in education and the specific mission of St Patrick's school. The rigorous and effective self-evaluation carried out by all members of the school community has resulted in standards of achievement being consistently above national standards for the past five years, despite the low baseline on entry. The structure and organisation of the School Improvement Plan and the Head teacher's report enables governors to evaluate the work of the school in relation to its mission and the framework, consequently they provide highly effective challenge and support for ongoing school improvement.

AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

- Continue to develop the excellent partnership between home, school and parish through the ongoing development and training of the school Chaplaincy team so that it extends and impacts further on the life of the parish.
- Further embed the provision for SMSC across the curriculum in order to extend higher order questioning and critical thinking skills of all pupils.
- Continue the development of creative, innovative and challenging teaching and learning strategies so that the most able pupils are continually challenged to be the very best they can be.