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## **REPORT ON THE MONITORING INSPECTION OF OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS**

School:	St Hugh's Catholic Primary School
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Headteacher:	Mr A McMorro
Chair of Governors:	Mr P Hanley
Date of Inspection:	15 October 2013
Inspector:	Mrs E Robb

St Hugh's Catholic Primary School continues to provide an outstanding Catholic education.

The dedicated Headteacher, supported by an inspirational, innovative Religious Education Co-ordinator together with a very effective Governing Body ensure there is an atmosphere of mutual respect for all members of the school community. This is succinctly summed up in the School Mission Statement which is also the School Prayer.

The children are enthusiastic learners and are keen to talk about their Religious Education experiences. They know and live the School Mission Statement/School Prayer. One child stated that the School Prayer says exactly what their school is like. They are able to articulate the meanings of the Gospel stories in their every day lives. They express their own views and beliefs with confidence and are always encouraged to do so. The children have a great knowledge of the world outside their school and make an outstanding contribution in their practical fundraising activities which support agencies, such as CAFOD and the Macmillan Nurses.

The Learning Walk provided the Inspector with the opportunity to visit classrooms where there were examples of outstanding practice. The exciting interactive displays, the standard of work in children's books, the respectful relationships children have with each other and with staff, indicate the commitment to the promotion of the high standards expected of all.

Leaders and managers know their school very well. The Headteacher, the Religious Education Co-ordinator and the Senior Management Team work very closely with the Parish Priest to promote the Catholic life of the school. Together they aim to motivate and inspire the children, the staff and the parents.

There are effective monitoring and evaluation strategies in place which ensure there is no room for complacency. The Religious Education Co-ordinator fulfils her role admirably, providing skill, knowledge and support to her colleagues in the planning, organisation, assessment and moderation procedures of the curriculum –The Way the Truth and the Life.

The Governors challenge and support the school leadership and remain focussed on, and committed to, the mission of the school. Partnerships at all levels are outstanding.

The quality of Collective Worship is outstanding. All children participate in Collective Worship with reverence and respect. There are opportunities for children to pray, reflect and meditate. All classrooms have prayer areas and children are given responsibility in preparing and leading prayerful sessions throughout the week in a variety of settings, making full use of the technology available to them. They are enthusiastic participants in prayerful acts of worship and liturgical celebrations.

During Collective Worship observed by the Inspector the children were prayerful, attentive and responsive indicating the outstanding way in which the children benefit from, and contribute to, the prayerful life of the school.

In summary it is apparent that Religious Education underpins all that St Hugh's aspires to achieve and the gospel values are lived out in this school.

## **Areas of outstanding practice**

### **Outcomes for pupils**

The children treat each other with a great deal of respect and respond to the needs of others within and beyond the school community.

### **Leaders and Managers**

Leaders and Managers have a secure understanding of the school's strengths and areas for development and strive to inspire and motivate all, to ensure that all children have access to the best possible opportunities.

### **Provision**

Collective Worship is central to the life of St Hugh's supported by an inspirational Religious Education Co-ordinator and by the school community.