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Dear Parents and Carers

**Section 48 (Diocesan) Inspection of St Anne's Catholic Primary School,
19th–20th June 2012**

I am writing this letter to share with you the findings of the diocesan inspection of your children's school. Diocesan inspection now explores in detail the school's own view of itself as expressed in its self-evaluation. For this reason, much of the report is more technical than used to be the case. You are still entitled to have a copy of the full report should you want one and it will be available on the school website or by request from the school office.

The school judged itself to be outstanding in its Catholic life and RE. The inspection found that this judgement is fully justified because the children benefit greatly from the Catholic life of the school. Their behaviour and way they treat each other is exceptional. The children have a strong understanding of the importance of forgiveness and they practise it in their daily lives in school. The way in which the children respond to and take part in prayer and the worship life of the school is outstanding. The children have a really good knowledge of scripture, the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Faith but their own faiths are acknowledged and respected. The way in which the teachers teach RE is always good and often outstanding. They are fully supported in their work by skilful teaching assistants. The headteacher, her staff and the governors have an ambitious vision for the Catholic life of the school.

To make RE and the Catholic life of the school even better we have recommended that teachers provide even more opportunities for the more able pupils to achieve the highest possible levels of attainment. We would also like pupils to be more involved in the evaluation of the Catholic life of the school. A new RE leader has recently been appointed and we would like the headteacher to give her the time and opportunity to really get to know her subject.

Throughout the inspection the children were welcoming, friendly, and extremely well-behaved. They do many things to make the school a special place to be. We thank you for the part you play in supporting your children's spiritual life.

Yours sincerely

Brenda Beale
Diocesan Inspector