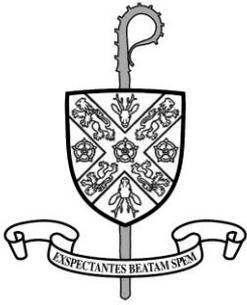


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Dear Mrs. Hulme,

Requires improvement monitoring visit following a section 48 inspection at St. Charles' Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided School, City of Kingston upon Hull.

Following my visit to your school on 16th July 2014, I write to you on behalf of Middlesbrough Diocese to report the findings of my visit. Thank you for the help you gave me during my visit and the time that you, your staff and Governors made themselves available for discussion.

The visit was the first monitoring visit since the school was judged to require improvement following a section 48 inspection in July 2013.

During the visit, a meeting was held with the headteacher, senior leaders, Chair of Governors and the Vice-Chair of Governors. Documentation examined included the revised Mission Statement, Religious Education Development Plan, tracking system, evaluation of lesson observations and evaluation of work scrutiny. A scrutiny of work-books from all classes was undertaken.

Context

There have been no significant changes since the last inspection.

Main finding

There has been a considerable amount of professional development undertaken for all staff, the Governing Body and parents, led by Middlesbrough Diocese Religious Education Advisor. This has focussed on reviewing the school's Mission Statement and has resulted in a much clearer and more collective understanding of the purpose and vision for St. Charles. This must now be translated into every-day activity which can be articulated by all members of the school community. Training on planning, lesson observation and the Religious Education curriculum has been embraced by the staff and is resulting in accurate assessment of pupils' work, improved differentiation and more purposeful marking. There is now a clear time-table in place for scrutiny

of work, lesson observations and collective worship. A clear tracking system is in place. Technology is being used very successfully, particularly in the Early Years, to track progress and monitor Catholic life.

The headteacher and Religious Education leader have worked extremely hard to bring about these improvements. They recognise the need to consolidate these improvements across the school in order to ensure consistency and consequent good progress. The Governing body is very supportive and is given detailed and regular information on attainment and liturgical life and activities relating to the Catholic life of the school. Stringent and regular systems for Governors to monitor and evaluate the attainment and achievement of pupils and Catholic life and Worship at St. Charles must now be put in place.

The Senior Leadership Team and the Governors have taken effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement which were identified in the section 48 inspection, resulting in the school making good progress against in these areas.

Recommendations

- Governors must establish stringent procedures to monitor, evaluate and review the Mission Statement, achievement of all pupils and the Catholic life and Worship at St. Charles.
- Ensure that there is consistency in good quality teaching across the school.
- Raise attainment in Religious Education by ensuring that all pupils know their targets for literacy, particularly in writing, and that these targets are rigorously applied to the Religious Education curriculum.

I am copying this letter to Kevin Duffy, Director of Schools, Theresa Laverick, Religious Education Advisor and Canon Michael Loughlin, Chair of Governors.

Yours sincerely,



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Diocesan S48 Inspector