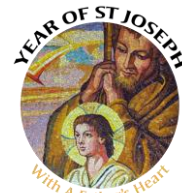




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**Diocese of Clifton**



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**Section 48 Inspection**  
**Catholic Life and Mission – Outstanding**

**Collective Worship – Outstanding**

**Following the recent inspection carried out by the Diocese St Joseph's has been found to be Outstanding in the Catholic Life and Mission of the School and Collective Worship**

5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear parents/carers

St Joseph's was last inspected in October 2016. The inspection framework had changed twice since then. The current framework, has been designed so that inspections match the rigorous OFSTED inspections and was implemented by Clifton Diocese in April 2023. Like OFSTED, the current Section 48 framework is now a national framework.

The School was inspected in 3 main areas which are made up of 3 categories, Pupil outcomes, Provision and Leadership.

Catholic life and Mission – judged to be outstanding in all areas.

For me personally, this is the most important judgement because it involved everyone in our school community. It's the mission of the school which originally came from the children 'inspiring everyone to REACH through Faith, Hope and Love' and is woven through all that we do, all that we say to children and what we continually strive to achieve.

Collective Worship – judged to be outstanding in all areas.

This is a great achievement for us, we have moved from teacher led prayer to child led prayer in a very short space of time. Mrs Barron, Mrs Hill and the Chaplaincy Team have been instrumental in leading this change. The children have led retreats with such confidence developing their ability to deliver and question children, reacting to their responses appropriately. A great deal of time and commitment from staff has been invested in preparing the children to deliver prayer, encouraging them to evaluate their delivery and plan for improvements. Watching their confidence grow over time has been truly great. Equally, the work that has been going on in the classrooms to develop confidence with the children and their involvement in prayers means that we now have class led prayer rather than teacher led prayers every week.

Religious education - judged to be good in all areas.

The staff, most of whom are not Catholic, have worked tirelessly to secure their subject knowledge and deliver consistently high quality RE lessons. The children enjoy the lessons and their behaviour is 'exemplary'. 'They are confident in expressing their views and speaking about their learning'. The books and children's confidence in their learning has never been as strong as it is now. All lessons seen during the inspection were judged as good, many as outstanding.



The full report can be read here [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School \(Nympsfield\) - Clifton Diocese \(st-josephs-nympsfield.com\)](http://st-josephs-nympsfield.com).

We are delighted with the inspection findings and reading the report feel that they have captured our school so well. I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and for continually going above and beyond in all that they do to make St Joseph's the great school that it is, to our children who REACH through Faith, Hope and Love – working hard to be the best that they can be, to you our parents/carers for supporting us in so many ways and finally our Governors for their support and rigorous monitoring of the school.

Yours sincerely

Clare Howells

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