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Diocesan Education Service,
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Dear Parents and Carers

Section 48 (Diocesan) Inspection of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, March 2016

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.

St Patrick's is a good Catholic school. RE and Catholic life is led effectively because of the leadership of the headteacher and her deputy. They are assisted in their work by a dedicated, unified team. The governors are committed in their support of the staff and appreciate the work that they do every day in bringing the faith alive. Collective worship is very good and the children's contribution to the Catholic life of the school is outstanding. When pupils first arrive in school many have limited religious knowledge but as a result of the teaching, they make good progress. Those needing additional support also achieve very well through effective support from the teaching assistants.

I have recommended that the school should put systems into place to formally monitor the Catholic life of the school and to promote pupils' vocational development across the school. Leaders should continue to ensure that teaching in RE is consistently good or better in all lessons and ensure that the children are given more opportunities to prepare and lead worship.

It was a pleasure to inspect your school because every member of the school community, staff, children and governors were all very welcoming and keen to share what makes St Patrick's school such a special place. The children were very well behaved and they fully participate in the school's Catholic life and are encouraged to live out their faith. They are a credit to their school, their families and all those who care for them.

Yours sincerely,

Sister Susan Collins
Diocesan Inspector