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Dear Parents and Carers,

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I have received notification that the Diocese of Westminster has now published the final version of the report from our recent RE inspection. I attach both the summary and the full report, for your information.

It is available from the Diocesan website at

http://rcdow.org.uk/education/schools/?search_data=schools&school_name=&school_address=&school_type=primary&school_lea=Hertfordshire+%28St+Albans%29 and will also be added to our school website this week. A paper copy can be obtained via written request to the school office.

Both the report and the covering letter from the chief inspector were very positive. The areas identified for development have been incorporated into an action plan that we have already begun to implement. We had correctly identified these areas and were honest in our self-assessment which the inspection team found valuable. The process was very thorough and comprehensive and we learnt a great deal from it.

The team were overwhelmed by the volume and positivity of your responses to their questionnaire. Thank you for taking the time to send them in such numbers. Some parents were unsure about homework. As an Infant school, we don't often send written homework in RE but do encourage 'talking homework' i.e. encouraging the children to share RE topics at home. Our homework relates more to activities like bringing in items related to Baptism and First Holy Communion, sharing the names of those who have died during November, information about Saints, etc. We send curriculum information home and subscribe to Wednesday Word in order to further develop links between RE learning at home and at school.

I would like to thank Miss Cannon who has made a big impact in her leadership of RE since joining the school in September. The school staff did a magnificent job of preparing all the information the Inspection Team requested and the library was overflowing with examples of all the children's work. Thanks also to Mrs Francesca Hammond, (RE governor), David Miveld (Chair of Governors), Father TJ and Sister Anita who lent their support and gave their time to meet with the team. The children were a credit to us all and I have written to them separately to thank them for all their hard work and to share the findings of the report in an age-appropriate manner.

When empty, the school is merely a building. The heart and spirit of the school is in the pupils, parents, staff and governors who bring it to life. We will continue to work on building God's community of love and learning to ensure the children move forwards secure in their faith.

God Bless you

Mrs Dempsey



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