

Mrs C Dodds
By email

Dear Carmel,

Inspection of The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate on behalf of Rt Rev. David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton – 27/28 June 2024

Many congratulations to you and the entire community of The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School on this excellent CSI report.

The key judgement grade of 1 for Catholic life and mission is a real achievement. It is wonderful to read about how faith has permeated the school, fostering a warm, welcoming environment where both staff and pupils embody the school's mission. The pupils' understanding and active upholding of the mission statement, as well as their grasp of The Good Shepherd's unconditional love, particularly stand out. As does the fact the pupils feel loved, secure, and valued, knowing they have extensive support during times of need. The vibrant integration of 'virtues to live by' into daily worship and lessons, and the active participation of pupils in leadership roles, such as through the mission team and Minnie Vinnies, are exemplary practices that significantly contribute to their spiritual development and independence. The detailed account of pupils' enjoyment and progress in religious education, as well as the structured and supportive learning environment, highlights the school's dedication to nurturing both knowledge and a deep personal connection to faith.

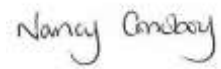
The leadership and governance at The Good Shepherd School have clearly been pivotal in moving the school forward and making it a happy place to work and learn. Your vision, alongside the strong support mechanisms for staff and pupils, and the comprehensive professional development opportunities, have produced a vibrant environment of growth and spiritual enrichment.

Please note that a copy of the full report must also be made available to all registered parents within five working days of receipt of this report. It will also be available electronically on the diocesan and CES websites. A copy of the report has also been sent to the chair of your governing board.

Thank you for your support and assistance in the inspection process.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Conoboy". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Nancy Conoboy
Chief Inspector of Schools
Northampton Diocese