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## REPORT ON THE S48 MONITORING INSPECTION OF OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS

### THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

School:	Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
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Date of Inspection:	6 July 2017
Inspector:	Mr K Toms

Sacred Heart Primary School continues to be an exemplary Catholic Primary, providing an outstanding Education for the Catholic Life of this well-established community in Moreton. The newly appointed Headteacher and Religious Education Coordinator are extremely energised in leading this faith community. The Headteacher draws on the strengths of all in the Leadership and middle management team to further enhance the teaching of Religious Education. It is a strength of the school that, during a period of change, the vision and direction of the school has continued to build on and enhance past successes. This is particularly marked in the way in which all the children and staff are committed to their guiding mission to build a community based on *Care, Courtesy and Commitment*. The Governors too are extremely supportive and are very much at the heart of the vision and Catholic ethos of Sacred Heart School and the faith community it serves.

All areas for development since the last inspection have been fully met and are now providing a firm basis to target more precisely further improvements. These are clearly identified in the School Development Plan. The very effective monitoring and assessment procedures are now key in the school's success to maintaining outstanding provision at the school.

Outcomes for pupils continue to be good with outstanding elements. The children are well able to talk about the importance of belonging to this faith community and are exemplary in the way in which they live out their mission of *Care, Courtesy and Commitment*. The children are very effectively involved in planning and leading Collective Acts of Worship and the leadership team is keen to develop further age appropriate participation here.

During the monitoring visit, the learning walk confirmed the judgement that teaching and learning is good throughout the school with outstanding elements. Staff are extremely open and keen to develop their own skills. All staff are well supported and training, coaching and the sharing of good practice are noteworthy features of the school. Great emphasis is placed on strengthening the high quality of teaching at the school, ensuring that the school maintains its focus on continual school improvement.

The school plays an important role in the local Catholic Cluster group, where great emphasis is placed on developing and sharing good practice. Shared assessments and moderation of work in Religious Education are at the heart of their work in these meetings.

Resources for Religious Education are excellent and the Leadership Team work hard to ensure that provision for teaching and learning in this area of the curriculum continues to be outstanding.

In summary, Sacred Heart School is particularly effective in:

The high quality of Leadership in Religious Education and the emphasis placed on support, coaching and training.

The outcomes for all children and the very real commitment they make to the principles of *Care, Courtesy and Commitment* as demonstrated in their daily Catholic life in the school community.

The inspiring work and commitment the school has to supporting provision for Religious Education in the wider cluster area of Catholic school.

Now would be a good time for all within this faith community to review the Mission Statement to reflect the significant work being achieved here in its provision for Religious Education.