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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that Holy Rood has been rated as 'Good' by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate (on behalf of The Rt. Rev. Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton) as a result of our recent Section 48 inspection in May.

This fantastic news follows a two-day RE inspection, with two inspectors across both sites, looking at the effectiveness of Catholic Life & Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship at Holy Rood. As you will see from the report, we were graded as 'Outstanding' (1) for our Catholic life and mission. This is an amazing achievement and a real reflection of the wonderfully inclusive Catholic ethos we have at Holy Rood, with all pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers playing a significant role in creating such a warm and welcoming school community, which I am hugely proud to be a part of.

Being graded as 'Good' (2) for all other areas, I am sure you will agree that this report is extremely positive and a pleasure to read. Particular highlights from the report include:

- The school mission statement, values and motto of "Belong, Learn, Achieve" unite the school community and underpin all areas of school life.
- Leaders have created a strong, warm, and inclusive school culture where all are welcomed and valued as made in the image and likeness of God. Relationships between staff and pupils are excellent, with the school community frequently being described as a family.
- Pupils demonstrate a deep sense of belonging to the school community. They behave extremely well, are polite, and appreciate all the school offers them.
- Consistency in the planning and teaching of religious education ensures that all children make progress that is at least good.
- Leaders and staff have embraced Catholic Social Teaching and make explicit links to it in all areas of school life and learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support; as always, it is much appreciated.

With very best wishes,

Miss N Fry