



# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Voluntary Aided - Diocese of Brentwood

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Dear Parents,

## Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI) visit

You will recall that at our OFSTED Inspection of 4<sup>th</sup> October, despite the overwhelming praise for the vast majority of the school's work and mission, the main weakness identified was the Child Protection paperwork. Although we took issue with this finding, since then with the support of the Diocese, Local Authority, another local school to share best practise, and Sally Nutman (Sacred Heart Headteacher and Ofsted Inspector), our practice and procedures in this area underwent a rigorous review.

Just before the half-term holiday, on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, we were visited by Miss Michelle Winter, Inspector on behalf of HMI, who gave us less than twenty-four hours notice of her visit. Miss Winter spent the whole day interviewing and speaking with staff, governors, parents and children. In addition, she scrutinised all our Safeguarding and Child Protection paperwork in a most thorough manner.

We are delighted to inform you that the outcome was most positive and we have now received written confirmation from the HMI that the school now meets OFSTED expectations in this area. A copy of the letter will be placed on the website today and if you would like a hard copy, please request one from the office.

Coupled with the recent 'Section 48' Religious Inspection by a Westminster Diocesan Inspector which graded the school as 'Outstanding' and the recent letter regarding the future Executive Headship of the school under Sally Nutman, we are confident that the school will move forward with a renewed sense of optimism. As such we look forward to your continued support in the education of our children and would like to take this opportunity to thank the overwhelming majority of parents who have supported us through recent times.

Yours sincerely,

*James J. Johnson M. Sullivan*

James Johnson  
(Chair of Governors)

Margaret Sullivan  
(Headteacher)



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*I am with you .... Always (Matthew 28.20)*

