# SECTION 48 INSPECTION NEWSLETTER NO.9 November 2016

## Key updates:

- **REQUESTS FOR CHANGE OF DATE FOR SECTION 48 INSPECTIONS**
  The timetable for section 48 inspections are set and cannot be changed unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- **ORGANISATION OF SECTION 48 INSPECTIONS**
  All inspections will be two days.
  All secondary inspections will have two inspectors.
  Many primary inspections will have two inspectors.
  During the inspection the **likely** judgements will be shared with the school.
  After being quality assured by the Diocesan Education Service, these judgements can be subject to change.
  The judgements are NOT to be made public until the final report is sent to the school.
- **PROTOCOL OF SECTION 5 AND SECTION 48 INSPECTIONS**
  Please read the document which is available on the BDES website under RE and Catholic Life > S48 Inspection> Protocol of Section 5 and Section 48 inspections.
- **NEW FRAMEWORK FOR SECTION 48 INSPECTIONS**
  The new framework is available on the BDES website.
  As from April 2016, inspection has been re-focused on evaluating the school's Catholic life and RE rather than validating its self-evaluation. It will report upon the quality and impact of the school's provision for Catholic life, collective worship, leadership, religious education and spiritual, moral and vocational education. Self-evaluation and improvement planning will continue to be the main focus of leadership in inspection. Impact will be judged by the progress, attainment and response of pupils to the opportunities which the school provides.
- **CATHOLIC LIFE**
  The headteacher is responsible for the Catholic life of the school and NOT the RE subject leader.
  The headteacher is responsible for leading the faith community of the school.
- **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**
  Inspectors will be looking for evidence of how pupils prepare, lead and evaluate collective worship.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
  The headteacher needs to meet regularly with the RE subject leader to discuss provision, pupil outcomes and monitoring & evaluation of RE.
  Assessment data from RE needs to be fedback to staff & governors.
- **MONITORING & EVALUATION**
  The three areas of Catholic life, collective worship and RE all need to be monitored and evaluated.
  Schools need to decide when and how this will take place, and who will carry it out.
  Pupils, staff, parents and governors all need participate in the monitoring and evaluation of these three key areas of the school.
  The impact of the monitoring and evaluation of the Catholic life, collective worship and RE of the school needs to be clearly linked to improvement planning.
- **DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE SUPPORT**
  RE LIVE, on the Diocesan Education Service website, provides excellent resources to support the monitoring and evaluation of Catholic life, collective worship and RE of the school. All RE subject leaders and headteachers should have login details for this area of the website if they subscribe to the Diocesan Education Service. Please contact the secondary and primary RE advisers if you do not have login details.
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