

'Keeping On Track'

Supporting development in church schools

Name of School

Downholland Haskayne CofE Primary.

Name of Inspector

Mike Graham.

Date

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Improvements made since last inspection (in response to the 'focus for development')

1. Significant increase in the breadth and extent of the RE work on other world faiths, including visits to a Hindu temple and a Mosque. Children's understanding of and acceptance of similarities and differences much improved.

(There are many other improvements that have been made as well as this specific response, since the leadership team has been and still is committed to continuous striving for improvement for the good of the children. These are partially covered in the next section.)

Agreed Current Strengths

- 1.** Very strong commitment to Christian values and distinctiveness, with excellent understanding and support from governors, parents, clergy and, significantly, the children's Ethos Group.
- 2.** Strong leadership from head and governors, amongst whom are many church members, with clear and vibrant vision for future development and further strengthening of Christian distinctiveness.
- 3.** Excellent links with St Thomas's Church, with the vicar giving great support pastorally and as Chair of Governors. Vera (Foundation Governor) also plays a leading role, including running confirmation classes each year.

- 4.** Strong pupil voice including school life/leadership (School Council) and Christian Values/worship (Ethos group)
- 5.** All of school life, including excellent extra-curricular clubs/trips, underpinned by and rejoicing in Christian Values such as joy, fellowship, respect and love.
- 6.** Vibrant worship and RE with exceptional teamwork and passionate leadership.

Agreed areas for improvement:

- 1.** Continue to develop and embed the new Liverpool Diocesan RE syllabus, to include appropriate elements of 'Understanding Christianity'
- 2.** Undertake sensitive development of spontaneous prayer with the children (and adults) as appropriate.
- 3.** Broaden the teaching about the Holy Spirit (possibly linking this with spontaneous prayer) so as to deepen the children's understanding of the Trinity.
- 4.** Continue to develop the role of the 'Ethos Group' group as leaders in demonstrating Christian love in the school community and beyond, as well as playing a key part in planning, leading and evaluating worship.
- 5.** All governors and staff to review the SIAMS self-evaluation in 2019 after the introduction of the new Schedule, so as to prepare for an 'outstanding' judgement from the next inspection in 2020.
- 6.** Continue the sensitive and caring staff development so as to minimise the disruption to the children's education caused by the necessary and imminent changes.

Signed Headteacher

Signed Inspector

Mike Graham.