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Dear Sean

VISITATION TO OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 26TH MARCH 2019

Thank you for a delightful visit last Tuesday to Our Lady & St Joseph's! I thoroughly enjoyed meeting you all.

It was good to be able to sit down with you straightaway and hear of your marvellously long-standing relationship with both the School and the Diocese. Thank you then for arranging for me to be given a tour by the Head- and Deputy-Head-pupils.

It was, as you anticipated, most instructive for me to visit both Years 2 and 6. I was impressed in both classes by their enthusiasm to engage with questions of faith and Revelation. The quality of their answers reinforced the observation of one of my guides - that "We've all done a LOT of R.E."!

That impression was deepened by the outstanding assembly which closed the day and closed my visit. I felt the children - of all different ages - did their school, and especially their teachers, enormous credit in the way they answered questions and wanted to stay with the drift of my dialogue with them. The reading, singing and prayers which had been prepared for the assembly were all of a very high standard: it felt like a most worthwhile session.

I was struck, as I went around the School, at the quality of artwork and display; and also my pupil-guides' familiarity with it. The building seems bright inside and with an attractively green outlook. I was made to feel truly welcome on arrival - and on departure: the children and their parents seemed keen to greet me as I took my leave.

I came away from Our Lady & St Joseph feeling you have created a very special school. Thank you for all you have given of yourself to lead the School to become the community it is. I hope the last weeks of term are good; and that you all enjoy a truly blessed Easter.

With renewed thanks

And all good wishes

Yours sincerely in Christ

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Rt Rev. Nicholas Hudson Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster