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Local Leader of Education

Name of LLE: Mrs Jane Gornell

School Name: St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

LLE Specialism(s)

Teaching School Alliance: Heart TSA

Area(s) of Expertise

- Jane has 12 years experience as a head teacher and 6 years experience as a deputy head teacher in four very contrasting schools.
- “The head teacher provides outstanding leadership for the school. Within this fully inclusive Catholic School there is a rich diversity of faith tradition with all pupils displaying tolerance and respect for the beliefs of others” (Section 48 Inspection 2016)
- Under the leadership of the head teacher the school continues to provide a nurturing, caring and family centred environment. (Of Sted 2016).
- Jane was invited to take part in the “National School of Formation” working with the EduCarem Trust to study social justice within education theory and practice and to implement action research reflecting on the nature of leadership and the future challenge. The study provided the opportunity for Jane to make connections, meet and discuss with head teachers from a variety of different contexts both internationally and nationally and to also meet, listen to and discuss with “world class” speakers. Following a study visit to Manila, Philippines and acting as an advocate Jane attended a meeting with both members from the House of Commons and peers from the House of Lords in 2018.
- Pupil attainment and achievement are consistently good or outstanding across the school. As recognised by Ofsted September 2016, from their starting points in the Reception class, all pupils and those in specific groups of e.g. disadvantaged and the most-able, make strong gains in their learning.
- The head teacher provides effective leadership and is crystal clear about what the school does well and what it needs to do to improve further. There is a robust school development plan with priorities identified.(Of Sted 2016)
- By supporting and developing the role of SLE the school facilitates the offer of support to other schools and offer both senior and middle leadership strength and support in working with a group of six other primary schools as a learning community.
- In facilitating Initial Teacher Training the school currently acts as the lead school for a successful “hub”, facilitating the placement and training of PGCE students across 5 schools in partnership with Manchester Metropolitan University.