



Name of school **St Bede's Catholic Junior School**  
Post code **WA8 6EL**  
School URN **111371**  
Head teacher **Faith Tiernan**  
Assessor **Anthony Hunt**  
Date of assessment **28 March, 2019**

## Commentary on assessment

### Last ICT Mark assessment report: Areas for development

I was not provided with the previous report but the head teacher stated that, following Cathy Wilkinson's assessment visit three years ago, one of the main areas for development was in photography and filming. As a consequence, she went for green screen training and now this is enriching all areas of the curriculum including looking into augmenting and virtual reality processes. The computing leader also talked about the many ways in which the school has developed over the past three years allied to the school's ongoing determination to ensure that education technology continues to support teaching and enhance learning throughout. St Bede's is evidently a very special establishment and throughout the 35 minute telephone call, the enthusiasm expressed by both the head teacher and the computing leader for every aspect of learning supported by technology was evident.

### Current SRF Evidence

The school has used the new SRF criteria: the computing leader reported that she found the new aspects challenging but more appropriate to current practice (this is the school's 5th renewal having started with the original Naace Mark 13 years ago): she also said that was why she only benchmarked the school at level one in 5 of the 56 aspects so she has been challenged to revisit them towards the end of the academic year and upgrade many as the school is worthy of that.

The excellent SRF evidence was accompanied by action points throughout, many of which were discussed at greater length during our conversation. The school intends to increase the number of iPad devices from 20 to 80 over the coming months. The safeguarding work is well up to the standard required by the new SRF criteria, exemplified well on the first-rate school web site where there are many links for parents to ongoing activities and curricular work in each year group as well as links to safeguarding advice including GDPR statutory requirements.

The school has over 90% of its families with home access to internet although it makes it quite clear to parents that mobile phones are not suitable for learning. The school's safeguarding booklet is updated annually and the children are given a quiz at the start of the year on e-safety: one of the questions asks if their parents know what they are doing on their mobile devices and the answer is almost universally "no".

The school claims that 88% of its children are working at "age-related" expectations for education technology and, from our discussions, the processes are in place to make this accurate statement again reflect the higher order of requirement posed by the new SRF criteria.

### Inspection Report

Ofsted Outstanding

## Other evidence

The computing leader is extremely enthusiastic about a wide range of education technology developments to support learning as is the very knowledgeable head teacher. The school is part of a local cluster of Catholic schools that benchmark progress together as well as part of a group of high-performing school across the area wherein the school's computing leader is one of the main advisers on current developments.

The computing leader provided me with over 25 documents in support of the SRF written evidence and it is abundantly clear from this, as well as from the excellent discussions, that the school is indeed worthy of renewing its award for the sixth time. St Bede's is only the second school to gain the award using the new SRF criteria (a fact that delighted both the head teacher and the computing leader) so will be awarded the new Naace Mark certificate. This is well merited and the only regret I have was that I could not visit the school personally to witness at first hand the excellent work that is being carried out in support of education technology

**Assessor recommendation: Threshold reached**