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Dear Helen,

May I just write to you to thank you and the whole school for the wonderful welcome given to the Archbishop of York on Thursday. It had obviously been a huge challenge that morning, with events outside the school, and so soon in the term as well. It was the most wonderful beginning to our mission 'Believe in Birkenhead', and the interviews with the young people are still with us as we think about both their questioning and their commenting about the place and nature of the church.

One of my reflections of the weekend is that we neglect the spirituality of young people at our peril, and it was a joy to be able to be in partnership with you, and to see what wonderful things are going on at Birkenhead Park School, at a time – as we said – of considerable challenge.

Let's see what God has in store for us in the future. I know that with Revd Paul Bentley, the new Vicar at Christ the King, there are going to be some new opportunities.

Thank you so much and please pass on my thanks to the whole school community. It was a great joy to be with you.

With love in Christ,

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