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## PRESS STATEMENT

“At the heart of every Catholic school sits the person of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church, and whilst we expect all Catholic schools to remain faithful to the Church’s teaching on human wholeness, this teaching should never cause or foster a culture of bigotry or intolerance.

More to the point, hatred and discrimination is in itself contrary to Church teaching as it fundamentally disrespects the God-given dignity of each human life.

It is deeply regrettable therefore, that the action taken by the Archdiocese to ensure the material put in front of children was age-appropriate, has given the impression that the John Fisher school is anything other than an inclusive centre of learning that allows young people to flourish.”

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