



# St. Barnabas' Church of England Aided Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to share with you our SIAMs report from our SIAMS inspection which took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> January this year.

All Church of England and Methodist schools are inspected approximately every five years by a SIAMS inspector from the Church of England, although there has been some delay to our inspections due to Covid. A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's distinctive Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community and seeking evidence to answer the inspection question:

*'How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?'*

We are pleased to inform you that we have been graded the following :

Overall grade:	Good
The impact of collective worship	Good
The effectiveness of religious education (RE)	Good

Please do read the whole report as there is much to celebrate and we are very pleased the inspection was able to see the many positive strengths we have at St Barnabas. We would like to share the following statements from the report:



*'School leaders have ensured that the vision and values are deeply embedded at all levels, so they drive and shape every policy, action and behaviour,'*

*'The school benefits positively from its connection to the parish church and vicar, Father John. This relationship brings and gives life to the school, the families and wider community. '*

*'The school has created an innovative and vision inspired curriculum, which promotes discussion, provides challenge and enables pupils to connect and build on previous learning. School leaders made a conscious decision to provide a wealth of enriching and aspirational opportunities for all pupils,'*

*'RE is a strong feature of the school and was the inspiration behind the design and expectations of whole school curriculum. The RE leader is incredibly dedicated and knowledgeable. She uses this expertise to walk alongside colleagues to empower and enable them to teach effective RE.'*

The final sentence of the report is a real celebration of our community:

*'The St Barnabas' school community should 'lift their head' with pride and confidence in celebration of all it is doing to provide an enriching and aspirational environment where all know they are uniquely created and loved by God.'*

We hope you enjoy reading our report and if you would like to discuss the report further please make an appointment with the school office.

With best wishes

Mrs M Duncombe

Headteacher