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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to share with you the positive report, which we have now received following our recent inspection by Mrs Youngman under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005; known as the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS).

The last time St Mary's School was inspected under the SIAMS system, there were four possible grades. A school might have been awarded 'outstanding', 'good', 'satisfactory' or very rarely 'inadequate'. The SIAMS process has now been reviewed and these grades have been changed. The old 'outstanding' grade has now gone, and the criteria that would previously have attracted an 'outstanding' grade have been merged with those for a 'good' grade. A new grade of 'excellent' has been introduced with a higher threshold than the old 'outstanding' grade. It will be awarded only in exceptional circumstances; in essence, a school needs to be a 'center of excellence'. There is no longer a 'satisfactory' grade but 'requires improvement' might be awarded instead. Very occasionally, a school may be deemed 'ineffective' as a Church school.

Under this more rigorous schedule, we have been awarded the grade of good overall. We are delighted with this grade and believe that it shows the amazing work that goes on at St Mary's; with collective worship described as 'innovative' and one of our areas for development being sharing our practice within the Diocese, it is clear that Mrs Youngman saw much of which we can be proud. In fact, she commented on just how much we have achieved in the short time since I took up headship.

I am incredibly proud of the way in which our whole school community has come together in the implementation of our vision; the commitment with which we are working to ensure that each and every child is enabled to achieve of their best, secure and celebrated in the knowledge of God's love for each one.

Upon reading the report, Nigel Frith, our Diocesan Director of Education emailed stating that it 'glows'. I trust that you will feel the same when you read the report for yourselves; testament to our wonderful school family: our fabulous children, supportive parents and governors and an incredibly dedicated staff team.

When I became Head, I wrote of the way in which I felt God's calling to serve Him in my service of you. Never could I have envisaged quite the challenges, which we would face in the first year of that service! I continue to pray for guidance, wisdom and strength that together we can share His love with His precious 'children'; each generation of our school family.

St Mary's is a unique and special place which it is an honour and blessing to serve. I look forward to continuing to work with you for the good of our children.

God bless,

Miss Parkin
Headteacher.

We aim, within our small school, to develop thoughtful individuals, confident and resilient children of all ages who understand the positive contribution which they can make to the world and their status as God's precious children.

God's children learning together; looking after His world and each other.

Show love; act justly; give thanks.

