

St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents

SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Report 2017

On Friday March 17th 2017 St Mark's was inspected as a Voluntary Aided (VA) Church of England school under the SIAMS framework. We are pleased to be able to provide you with a copy of the final report.

The inspection covered four main areas: the school's distinctive Christian character, the teaching of RE, collective worship and leadership and management. In each area the inspector, Mrs Jo Williams, was looking for evidence of how these aspects of the life of the school impact on the development of pupils. In the course of the inspection she spoke with pupils, members of the Governing Body, members of staff and leaders in the local community, toured the school, observed RE lessons and shared in an act of collective worship.

We have worked very hard over the years since the last church school inspection (October 2011) to develop our practice in these areas, particularly the embedding of our 15 core Christian values and our teaching of RE. This report is a celebration of that work. Our thanks go to everyone in the school, the Church and Diocese and the wider community who has helped us to grow and achieve such a good outcome.

We are not perfect and recognise the work we still have to do to ensure the continued development of St Mark's as an effective, caring and successful church school.

We hope you enjoy reading the report.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Barfoot
Headteacher
(on behalf of the Governing Body)