



St Philip Westbrook

C of E Aided Primary School

'Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have attached our recent SIAMS Inspection report. The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools asks "How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?"

The SIAMS Framework has changed in September and now includes 7 strands of questioning, rather than the original four:

1. Vision and Leadership.
2. Wisdom, knowledge and skills.
3. Character development: hope, aspiration and courageous advocacy.
4. Community and living well together.
5. Dignity and respect.
6. Impact of collective worship.
7. The effectiveness of religious education.

Having attended training with the leadership team we were advised that the new framework is far more robust and demanding as too many schools were achieving the highest grade – outstanding. Only 5% of schools who achieved the outstanding grade previously are expected to be judged as excellent in this new evaluation schedule.

SIAMS highlighted two areas for development, the work for which is already being undertaken.

We are absolutely delighted that St Philip's received the highest rating in every area of investigation, which is now termed as excellent.

As Chair of Governors, myself and other governors have attended many SIAMS sessions with staff and pupils to monitor the work undertaken, and I for one can say that the work for the school was consuming and weighty. I am thrilled that the staff have received the recognition they deserve, and as always our pupils shone on the day of the inspection. My thanks on behalf of the whole governing body go to the staff, leadership team and Mrs Wightman for their unswerving commitment to our school and pupils.

Yours sincerely

KATE STRICKLAND-WRIGHT
Chair of Governors