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Dear Mrs Friar

### **SIAMS report**

I write to send my congratulations to you and your staff following your school's SIAMS inspection earlier this month. I know from my recent visit, that this is the first inspection following your appointment as Headteacher and I hope that you will be pleased with the Inspector's judgement grading the school overall as Good. I am sure it will provide a platform for an aspiration to move to Outstanding next time around.

I was particularly taken to hear of the inspector's comment that "Collective Worship is the driving force for Christian values" and how it is carefully planned, regarded as a special time and participated in by all staff alongside their pupils. I had the pleasure during my visit of hearing about the ways in which your Year five and six pupils lead worship for the younger classes and I understand that the Inspector also commented on the positive impact of this experience. I am told that worship is rooted in the Bible and how this enables pupils to recall the stories about Jesus and to use the lessons they learn to inform their daily lives and behaviour around school.

I am also delighted to hear about the effective teaching that is happening in RE and how important the new Diocesan resource – *The Emmanuel Project* – has been in helping your staff to gain in confidence and deliver high quality lessons. I was pleased to be told about how pupils have created their own set of rules based on Moses' ten commandments and also about the recent RE café where your parents have enthusiastically worked alongside the pupils – what an innovative way to raise the status of the subject. I hear that a feature of RE lessons are the questions posed to extend not only the children's knowledge, but also their deeper thinking skills. I would be intrigued to hear the children's answers to "If God made the world in seven days, how did the dinosaurs live for so long?"

I understand that great stress is put upon the ways in which pupils can work to encourage one another – using your "buddy" system and also the nurture groups – both a clear expression of the school's Christian vision. I was pleased also to hear of the continuing good relationships between the parish church and the school and how you are working towards further developing these.

I am told that the Inspector praised your personal energy and vision which has given the school important forward momentum. I send my warmest congratulations and look forward to the next time I am able to visit.

Yours sincerely

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