



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to share with you the results of an inspection that took place on 4th December – a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). In a similar way to Ofsted, all Church of England schools are visited regularly to evaluate the key question:

How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling all pupils and adults to flourish? Under the new SIAM's framework that came in this September 23 we were inspected on the six questions below to see if the school was able to live up to its foundation as a Church school. The new criteria are exceptionally rigorous and challenging; exploring the way a school strives to fulfil the questions below:

- How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision enable pupils and adults to flourish?
- How does the curriculum reflect the school's theologically rooted Christian vision?
- How is collective worship enabling pupils and adults to flourish spiritually?
- How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision create a culture in which pupils and adults are treated well?
- How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision create an active culture of justice and responsibility?
- Is the religious education curriculum effective (with reference to the expectations set out in the Church of England's Statement of Entitlement for Religious Education)?

We are delighted to tell you that we received an overall judgement from the inspection that Audlem St James' Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school.

Our wonderful ethos and environment is thanks to the energy, skills and commitment of our whole school community – staff, parents, children and governors. It's a huge team effort and we feel so fortunate to be part of such a supportive and caring 'family'.

There is also clearly a great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes to build upon those strong foundations to ensure that children receive the best education and wider opportunities, and flourish as in our school vision. The strengths of the school are listed below:

- The Christian vision is well established and articulated clearly by school and trust leaders. Pupils understand how they can let their light shine within the community. The vision enables pupils and adults to flourish in a supportive and loving community.**





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- A genuine passion for being agents for change is evident in the school community. This culminates with social action and makes a palpable difference in the local village.
- Collective worship provides calm, reflective opportunities for personal spirituality. The school's Christian vision and shared values are embedded in inclusive worship that is invitational and beneficial for all.
- The Christian vision is lived out through the strong support for the wellbeing of all members of the school community. As a result, everyone lives together well and is lovingly cared for.
- Effective leadership in religious education (RE) has established an improved curriculum that is well sequenced and balanced. It develops knowledge and understanding of major religions and encourages a tolerance for all.

This is something we should all be very proud of as already we have been asked by the Diocese to support other schools in how we have achieved this exceptional SIAM's report.

A huge thank you to all the hard-working staff at school who care deeply about the children here and strive for excellence every day. Thank you too to all the children who strive to be the best they can be every day and who demonstrate our values through the way they live. We would also like to thank the parents and children who spoke to the SIAMS inspector and were so positive about our school.

We have published the report on the school website for parents and carers to access as well as attaching it to the email via Parentmail.

I leave with this quote from the report which sums up our school below:

The school's aspirational Christian vision, underpinned by a rich theological narrative, is at the heart of all aspects of school life. It is inspired by Jesus' words in the 'sermon on the mount'. As a result, leaders aspire for the school, set on a hill, to be a shining light for the community.

Wishing you a blessed and joyous Christmas

Mr A Perry
Headteacher

