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## All Saints Primary School, Datchworth's SIAMS Inspection Report

### We are 'Excellent'!

We are extremely pleased to announce that the outcome of our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection on 14<sup>th</sup> June, is a grading of '**Excellent**'. The school received the highest grading of excellent and the two additional judgements (Collective Worship and the Effectiveness of RE) were also graded excellent.

This is the highest outcome possible under the new inspection framework and the old 'outstanding' grade and the criteria that would previously have attracted an 'outstanding' grade have been merged with those for a 'good' grade. The new grade of 'excellent' has a higher threshold than the old 'outstanding' grade and is only awarded in **exceptional** circumstances. This shows just what a fantastic achievement for our whole school community this is and fully recognises all of the hard work of everyone involved.

The final report certainly highlights many of the great things that happen to enable both pupils and adults to flourish at All Saints. During the inspection, all of the children were wonderful representatives of our school and spoke so knowledgeably and proudly about what happens each and every day. It was felt that our vision was clearly shared by all and shone through in everything that was observed. Here are a few of the many excellent findings:

- ✓ "...staff have all worked together and tirelessly under the inspirational leadership of the headteacher. Pupils therefore continue to flourish."
- ✓ "Relationships at all levels are exceptionally supportive, enabling a high degree of well-being, hope and resilience."
- ✓ "There is overwhelming gratitude from parents who talk of the school's exceptional support in developing pupils' emotional strength."
- ✓ "Pupils' behaviour is excellent because they know and demonstrate the values underpinning the school's Christian vision. Pupils talk about forgiveness and reconciliation as the best way to live, work and play together."
- ✓ "To be the best they can be by 'walking together, discovering life' epitomises leaders' vision and aspirations for all pupils to succeed. Pupil attainment is high and above national averages...Pupils increasingly make good and, at times, exceptional progress."
- ✓ "The curriculum is creative and inspirational, enabling pupils to explore the spiritual and ethical aspects within a range of subjects."
- ✓ "The quality of teaching and learning in RE is consistently good and often excellent...Learning is tailored to challenge the most able whilst enabling all pupils to make good progress."
- ✓ "Pupils are inspired by the school's Christian vision to become passionate advocates for change in a range of social action projects."
- ✓ "Pupils, staff and parents speak of collective worship as an essential, meaningful and important aspect in the school day...Pupils feel valued for their contribution, gain a deeper insight into the meaning of worship and a keen sense of involvement."

#### Areas for development:

- Develop the links with a partner school in Nepal enabling pupils to further understand the needs of those in the larger global community.

As well as it being very pleasing to have such wonderful things written about our school, it was also incredibly rewarding to see the response of so many members of our school community in wanting to speak and write in praise of all that we do. My sincere thanks to pupils, staff, families, governors and volunteers for their contributions to the process and their hard work and support every day to make our school **the best that it can be**. I am extremely proud to have had our achievements recognised in this way and look forward to us continuing and building upon, our fantastic work as a church school.

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors