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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to write to you to share the fantastic outcomes of our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection.

For me, as headteacher, the phrase that really stands out and encapsulates our school community is that,

'kindness is the heartbeat of Willaston'

It then continues by stating that it is…

'…lived daily in words, actions and relationships. Pupils and adults treat each other with compassion, creating a community where individuals feel safe, seen, and valued. Pupils are happy and confident, knowing their voices are heard.'

Strengths

- Leaders and staff, guided by their shared Christian vision, ensure kindness and ambition are the hallmarks of the school. Their Christian values shape behaviour, learning, and relationships so that pupils and adults can flourish.
- The school cares deeply for its pupils as unique and valued individuals. Leaders and staff create an ethos of Christian love that surrounds and supports the school community. This nurturing environment enables both pupils and adults to thrive.
- The creative, stimulating curriculum reflects the school's vision. Leaders act with clear intent to ensure pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND), access exciting opportunities to flourish.
- Collective worship plays a key role in living out the school's vision. Pupils enjoy taking active roles in worship and also value time set aside for stillness and personal reflection. These experiences support and deepen their spiritual development.
- The skilfully led religious education (RE) curriculum is well-balanced and engaging, offering pupils varied, meaningful, and thought-provoking learning experiences. There are many opportunities provided to share opinions respectfully and explore how faith influences their own lives and the lives of others.

Development Points

- To extend curriculum opportunities that help pupils feel connected to something greater than themselves and inspire awe. This is to enhance spiritual flourishing.
- Support pupils in developing a deeper understanding of global Christianity. This is so that pupils reflect on challenges people face living out their faith.

Key Highlights from the SIAMS Report

- The inspector has described our school as an *"inspirational school environment where pupils and adults flourish."*
- Our school is praised for creating an *"environment of safety, challenge, creativity, and mutual respect,"* all guided by our deeply held Christian vision.
- The report notes our *"inclusive, ambitious curriculum"* and the *"high-quality staff development"* *that* ensures every child and adult can thrive.
- Our inspector was impressed by the way *"pupils and adults reflect on Christian values and shared purpose,"* which is woven throughout our daily life.
- Our governors are commended as *"vital links to the church and wider community,"* and staff are recognised for their dedication and pride in being part of the Willaston team.

Thank You to Our School Community

This outstanding report is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and partnership of so many:

- Our governors, staff, and children, whose commitment shines in everything we do
- Representatives of Christ Church, for their ongoing support, collaboration and guidance
- You, our parents and carers, for your support, encouragement, and partnership—central to our school's success and to living out our Christian vision every day

What Happens Next

The full SIAMS report is available for you to read in the document attached to my letter. It is also available from The Church of England SIAMS website using the following link: https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies/siams-inspections/siams-inspection-reports

As always, we will continue to build on this success, reflecting on the feedback and striving to make Willaston an even better place for everyone.

If you have any questions about the report or would like to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our school community.

Kindest regards,

Gary Graham