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Dear Matthew,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Diocese following St Luke's Church of England Primary School's recent SIAMS Inspection which judged it to be Good.

The Church of England's vision for education (2016), 'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good' states that, '*We aim to deliver excellence in education and want the very best outcomes for children and young people so that they can achieve their fullest potential. With many schools reporting that they feel under increasing pressure to make artificial choices between academic rigour and the wellbeing of their pupils, we are unequivocal in our message that there is no such distinction – a good education must promote life in all its fullness*', and SIAMS inspections are a means by which we can ensure that our Church schools maintain these key qualities.

Therefore, I would like to congratulate you on the outcome and in particular the fact that all pupils are supported and nurtured, but especially the most vulnerable, reflecting the belief that every individual is made in the image of God and that diversity must be celebrated. It is clear that pupils' engagement and passion for social action is strong and that relationships across the school are characterised by forgiveness and reconciliation.

I was also impressed to see that RE and Collective Worship provide important space for personal reflection on Jesus and life's big questions and I am aware from the Diocesan Adviser, Carrie Prior, that as a school you are committed to seeking ways to ensure the continued improvement in outcomes for all of your children.

Once again, congratulations on such a positive report I really do appreciate the hard work that has taken place to ensure that the strong Christian ethos has a real impact on the lives of all those who are a part of the school. I know that Carrie is very much looking forward to continuing to work with you on linking the school vision to theological principles that can be articulated by all stakeholders and developing a shared approach to spiritual development, including prayer, so that the school's desire for continued improvement is fulfilled.

Yours sincerely

The Venerable Robin King - Archdeacon of Stansted
Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education

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