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Dear Parents/ Carers,

RE: Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools

(SIAMS) inspection report

What is SIAMS?

SIAMS inspection focuses on the effect that the Christian ethos of the church school has on the children and young people who attend it. **The principal objective of SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school.** There will be a SIAMS inspection around every 5 years.

On the 18th November 2015 the school was inspected by the Bath and Wells Diocese. The inspector spoke to children, teachers, parents, governors, Reverend Joyce and the school leadership and observed RE teaching and collective worship. We are delighted to say that we were judged as **good** by the inspector.

Within the report there are some quotes we are particularly proud of that truly reflects Swainswick Church of England Primary School:

'The school is a caring and friendly community based on clear Christian principles where everyone feels valued and special'

'Children love their school, feel safe and happy and grow in confidence.'

'Collective Worship brings everyone together as a friendly and united family'

'Leaders gives effective and strong support to enable all pupils, especially those with special needs, to overcome educational, social and economic disadvantage as an expression of the school's Christian foundation to value and care for all'

'Members of the local church community are keen supporters of the school and the links with the Anglican Church and its leadership are very strong and very effective'

'Behaviour and relationships are outstanding'

The school is very proud of the SIAMS report and what has been achieved by the school in partnership with all stakeholders. However, we understand that there is still work to be done to get even better and achieve an 'outstanding' SIAMS report next time. The school has already started developing more robust monitoring system and evaluation procedures that still need to be embedded, this was recognised by the inspector quoting *'More effective evaluation procedures related to the school's Christian character are being developed'* Building on these new aspects and also developing a more coordinated collective worship plan will ensure that during the next SIAMS inspection the school will be rated 'Outstanding'.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Yours sincerely,

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Interim Headteacher

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