



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT - UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY - TEAMWORK

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Dear Parents

SIAMs – ‘Outstanding’ Grading

Many of you will remember that last term we were visited by Reverend Dr Jason Phillips, an inspector for SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The school was inspected under four categories: Church School Distinctiveness, Collective Worship, Religious Education and Leadership and Management.

I am delighted to tell you that we received an ‘Outstanding’ grading overall. The inspector wrote ‘This is a wonderfully caring school which reflects its guiding biblical text, ‘love one another, as I have loved you.’

Strengths identified by the inspector were:

- ‘The care of the pupils arising from the school’s guiding biblical text is exemplary.’
- ‘The committed and caring leadership of the headteacher alongside strong governance promotes positive relations at all levels of the school and secures the school’s dedication to the all-round development of each child.’
- ‘Based upon the school’s Christian values, the school’s commitment to spiritual development nurtures pupils so that they become caring, confident, thoughtful and respectful children and therefore makes a positive impact upon community cohesion.’
- ‘The Christian values and approach results in a positive sense of inclusive Christian community where all are valued as children of God and where second chances are given.’

Areas that we are looking to develop further include developing pupils awareness of the multicultural nature of Christianity both in Britain and abroad; further development of recorded RE work, and involving all pupils in planning and leading Collective Worship.

This wonderful grading is a reflection of the brilliant team work which takes place amongst Hawridge & Cholesbury children, staff, governors and the church. Particular thanks to Mrs White, our RE coordinator, who worked very hard collecting evidence and leading much of the preparation for this inspection and to Celia Macklin who, throughout her time as a Foundation Governor, has been a strong advocate for maintaining our church school distinctiveness and prioritising Religious Education.

This is a great acknowledgement of the school’s constant progress as we continue to strive to make Hawridge & Cholesbury C of E School the best possible learning environment for our children. As the school moves from strength to strength, it is wonderful to have this clear progress recognised since our OFSTED judgement in September 2015 of Good with Outstanding features.

The full report is attached and also available on our school website, so please do take a minute to read it.

Kind regards
Mrs Rosie Phillips
Headteacher