



24th March 2020

Dear Parents

**Congratulations! St Matthew's CE Primary School  
Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)**

This is a celebratory letter and a very welcome change from school closure and all the other challenges we are all dealing with at the moment.

Can you believe that it was only this time last week when St Matthew's received its SIAMS inspection? It seems a lifetime ago!

With all inspections now suspended we have received the final report sooner than we would usually.

**Congratulations to everyone at St Matthew's School** – please read the attached report.

We are delighted to have deservedly received the **top grade of Excellent in all categories.**

**Overall judgement: Excellent**  
**The impact of collective worship: Excellent**  
**The effectiveness of religious education (RE): Excellent**

This is a tremendous and well deserved achievement, giving external validation of our excellent academic and broad curriculum and inclusive provision for all our children.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, not just on the inspection day but most importantly ensuring that all our children benefit from the wonderful inclusive Christian ethos of our school, strong pastoral care and excellent RE teaching and collective worship every day of the year.

Thank you to members of staff, governors, clergy, pupils and parents who met with the inspector to articulate the great things we have here at St Matthew's School. The children are privileged to have a strong and talented team of school leaders, teachers and other staff who are committed to providing excellent teaching and a wide range of extra opportunities to help all our pupils to aim high and achieve well.

We are very proud of our school, and its strong community of children and adults. Amidst all the uncertainty around us at present it's good to have something to celebrate.



Even this morning the sound of a few children singing "Cornerstone" echoed through the school corridor with words for us all to hold onto in the current circumstances.

*Christ alone; cornerstone*

*Weak made strong in the Saviour's love*

*Through the storm He is Lord,*

*Lord of all.*

We send all good wishes to our children and families.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Lightfoot  
Headteacher

