



'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Jo MacGovern

Thursday 24th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools Inspection (SIAMS)

As you know, our school was inspected on Tuesday 24th April 2018 and I am delighted to inform you that Heene has been judged as a **GOOD** Church School. We were previously judged as Outstanding for SIAMS in 2012, but since then the criteria have changed significantly and will change again in September. The report is attached for your information and will be available on the school website.

The principal objective of a SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church school, and how well the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school ensure the development and achievement of the whole child or young person. This is evaluated through four core questions:

1. How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character meet the needs of all the learners?
2. What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
3. How effective is religious education?
4. How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

The report highlights strengths that include the strong Christian values consistently informing decisions in all areas of school life. This is strengthened by the pupils' ability to explain the school's distinctively Christian values and the significant impact they have on their daily lives. Pupils have diverse opportunities to develop their spirituality and the school has securely established strong links with the parish church of St Matthew's and the local community.

There are always areas to improve which we embrace as part of our learning culture at Heene. The identified areas had already been highlighted by our Collective Worship team and form the basis of our action plan. These include increased self-evaluation of collective worship by different stakeholders and more opportunities for pupils to plan and lead collective worship; the development of RE assessment and increased awareness for pupils of the Holy Trinity.

The inspector reported:

- "...pupils' ability to raise 'big questions' about meaning, purpose and faith, is excellent."
- "Pupils enjoy collective worship; they sing with enthusiasm and contribute by, for example, answering 'big questions' and through reading and writing prayers."
- "The quality of teaching and learning is good, reflected in the pupils' engagement in lessons and their progress."
- "Support for families and individual pupils, based on the Christian values and ethos of the school is very strong, with each child known well by the staff."

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the successful outcome, particularly the children, staff, parents and governors. The support of the local community and church continues to be a source of strength.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jo MacGovern (Headteacher)

Mr Peter Parish (for the Governors)



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