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**'Welcoming everyone, building foundations, leaving no-one behind'**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: SIAMS – Statutory Inspection for Anglican and Methodist Schools**

I am pleased to share the final publication of our SIAMS Inspection that took place before the Easter holidays. Just as Ofsted inspect schools, church schools, like Laddingford, are also inspected by SIAMS. They explore the way in which the school's Christian vision drives its work and enables the school to live up to its foundation as a church school.

The report states: *The Christian vision at Laddingford St Mary's is at the heart of the work of the school. It is well established and a lived reality.*

As part of the inspection process, the inspectors met with staff, governors, parents and children. They observed lessons, attended collective worship, and even visited our Forest School provision. The outcome of the visit was a '**J1 judgement**' which means that through our vision and practice, *the school is living up to its foundation as a church school.*

We are pleased with the report and feel it is a really accurate view of our journey as a school. Below I've listed a snapshot of some of the positive comments made.

- *The school's Christian vision and accompanying values are lived out by pupils and adults. They form the basis of good relationships at all levels and have provided stability through a time of change.*
- *The curriculum provision is effectively supported by outdoor learning within forest school. It provides exceptional experiences to foster skills in problem solving, perseverance, teamwork, and individual confidence.*
- *Ensuring that 'no child is left behind', staff carefully consider how each child can be engaged in their learning. The result of this is that teachers are planning exciting starts to lessons and topics.*
- *Activities beyond the classroom, including within the outdoor environment, provide rich learning opportunities for all pupils. Forest school provides a rich and unique experience. Pupils build their own sense of self-worth as they embrace challenges, as well as develop perseverance, teamwork skills and confidence.*

I would once again like to express my sincere thanks to the energy, skills and huge commitment that is put in by every single member of the team – staff, parents, governors, children and clergy. I have great hopes that the months ahead will be a time of real excitement and growth for Laddingford and am extremely grateful to lead a school within such a caring and supportive community.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lucy Clark

Headteacher