



5th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

SIAMS Inspection Report

We wanted to write to you and share the great news that following our one-day SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) on Wednesday 15th October, the outcome of the inspection was:

St Helen's Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.

This is very pleasing and is recognition that all our staff have worked tirelessly over the years to ensure that your child/ren are aspiring to follow our school vision of: ***'Excellence, enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community.'*** ***They will soar on wings like Eagles – Isaiah 40:31***

The report will be published online over the next few days, but a copy is attached to this email for you. We wanted to share the notable strengths that the report highlighted, as they really capture our vision for all children to be ***'Flying High'*** and our school values, which are so important to us.

- *The well-established Christian vision permeates the life of St Helen's. Its influence can be tracked in strategic decisions and daily interactions. The aspiration that everyone will be able to 'fly high' ensures barriers are overcome.*
- *Compassionate and determined leaders drive the vision so that it can be a lived experience. Their commitment and service to the whole school community transforms lives. Consequently, parents value the way leaders go 'above and beyond' their expectations.*
- *Senior leaders prioritise developing and sustaining positive relationships throughout the school community. These relationships ensure pupils, including those considered vulnerable, and their families, are nurtured and cared for. This allows them to 'fly high' regardless of their starting point.*
- *The Christian vision is carefully woven throughout the school's 'connected curriculum'. As a result, themes of justice and responsibility expose pupils to big, global, ethical issues.*
- *Pupils enjoy and value religious education (RE) which has a high profile in the school. They understand its importance in helping them appreciate and respect the views of others*

These notable strengths are so important and are rightly highlighted, but throughout the report what comes through, is the children's love of St. Helen's..... *'pupils describe being happy, curious and excited when they arrive at school. They expect to 'fly high'.*

In many ways, the SIAMS report and the recent OFSTED two-day inspection in January 2025, doesn't change anything for us. Our vision as leaders, for our whole school community is 'Flying high; soar on wings like eagles' and we will continue to aim for that each day as we keep working to improve the learning experiences of all our children. Whilst we are extremely proud of the report, we recognise that there are some areas still to develop which we will begin to work together on.

With several changes over the years, what has remained constant is the relentless commitment to make St Helen's the very best environment for all the children in our care. We are extremely grateful for the hard work of the whole staff team, the challenge of the governing body and the support of the parent community.

Finally, we'd also like to thank the amazing children of St Helen's, who lead the way in showing such passion and enthusiasm for school life each day. We regularly share on Class Dojo, through both newsletters, in celebration assemblies and in face-to-face conversations, how proud we are of all our children. In the inspection, it came through loud and clear how great our children are and that they want to be 'Flying High.'

As always, if anyone has any questions, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,



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