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Dear Parents.

**Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)
FINAL REPORT: OUTSTANDING**

I am delighted to inform you that we were judged to be **Outstanding** in our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection on Friday, 24th February 2017. Please find attached a copy of our inspection report. The report is also available on our school website and will soon become available on the School Inspection section of the Diocese of Ely website.

All Church of England and Interchurch schools have a SIAMS Inspection as part of a five year cycle. In our previous inspection (March 2012), we were judged to be Satisfactory, so this recent outcome is a very positive step forward for us.

The principal objective of a SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school *as a church school*. Towards this objective, inspectors seek answers to three key questions:

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

During the Inspection, Mr Lancaster (SIAMS Inspector) interviewed pupils, parents, staff and governors; observed lessons; shared in an act of worship and examined our evidence. Overall and in two out of the three individual areas, we were judged to be Outstanding. **The inspector particularly praised:**

- **How the school's Christian character, '*permeates every aspect of school life and has a very strong and positive influence on the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development*' of our pupils.**
- **The '*highly effective and imaginative Religious Education*' teaching taking place in school.**
- **The excellent levels of attainment achieved by all pupils since the previous inspection.**

I encourage you to take time to read the report. It confirms and celebrates the outstanding work that is going on at Castle Camps day-to-day and builds on the excellent OFSTED report we received in March 2015. Thank you all – colleagues, governors, parents and our amazing pupils – for your on-going hard work and support: you make Castle Camps the unique and special place it undoubtedly is.

Yours sincerely,

Miss O'Connor
Headteacher