



12th October 2023

Dear Parents,

As the first school in the Diocese of Ely and the County to be inspected under the new [Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools \(SIAMS\)](#) framework, we are delighted to report that the judgement of the inspection is: **the inspection findings indicate that Petersfield Church of England Aided Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school.**

Under the new Framework, the graded criteria previously used in SIAMS inspections have been removed, resulting in only [two possible judgements](#). We are proud that our inspection returned the successful outcome for Petersfield. This is in full recognition of our commitment to our school vision and significant work since the last SIAMS inspection as we continue to strive to ensure all members of our school community 'live life to the full'.

The SIAMS inspection report details the many, many strengths at Petersfield of which we are rightly very proud. Highlighted strengths include:

- The school is confident and courageous in living out its Christian vision for all to live life to the full. Leaders, including governors, make bold decisions which ensure its impact is felt.
- Committed leaders, including governors and staff know and understand the community the school serves. They work to ensure that pupils and their families are nurtured and supported. Links between the church, community and school are strong and mutually beneficial.
- The inclusive curriculum is designed so that all pupils can access learning. Pupils with additional needs, or who are vulnerable, receive bespoke support which enables them to flourish.
- Religious education (RE) is tailored to the needs of pupils and the context of the community. As a result, pupils enjoy learning about a range of world religions and worldviews, including Christianity. This teaches them to respect and value the views of others.
- Collective worship is an important element of school life. Worship leaders, including pupils, use it to promote the vision and values. This also develops pupils' and adults' spirituality and own worldviews.

The inspection provided an opportunity to reflect with the inspector on our long term priorities as we continually seek to be 'even better if..'. The inspector validated our current priorities which are to:

- Embed work on developing spirituality so that pupils and adults can articulate their ideas and beliefs consistently.
- Embed religious literacy as a tool to support the retrieval of knowledge in RE. Also, to further enable pupils to build on prior knowledge.

- Re-establish collaborative leadership of RE and collective worship as part of the school's leadership development plans. This to secure greater continuity and sustainability through shared subject leadership.

We are delighted that the report highlighted our continued commitment to:

- strong and positive relationships which ensure that pupils feel safe in school
- pupils being nurtured by staff as unique and valued members of the school community
- pupils being confident that adults will help them if needed
- a strong pupil voice
- ensuring pupils take an active role in school life and become agents for positive change
- encouraging pupils to be their best
- an inclusive curriculum
- actively seeking out ways to expand pupil's experiences at every opportunity including visits and extra-curricular activities
- bespoke and timely support for pupils with additional needs or vulnerabilities
- a community rich in love and friendship
- bold financial choices and carefully considered decision making
- thorough induction procedures and ongoing training supporting staff development

As a school that is committed to serving our local community, we are also proud the inspection recognised that our vision and values are inclusive, tailored to the needs of pupils and reflect the context of our community. As a result, we continue to support all families to live life to the full whether they hold a Christian faith, other faith or worldview or no faith.

Our thanks to all members of our school community who continue to be instrumental in working in partnership with us to enable us all to live our school vision.

During the inspection, as ever, our pupils beautifully articulated the essence of our school to the inspector and we remain very proud of them.

Our grateful thanks to our wonderful staff team who continually go above and beyond day to day to ensure the needs of all are balanced to the best of our ability as we live life to the full at Petersfield.

Please find a copy of the full report here:

https://www.petersfield.cambs.sch.uk/site/pages/pageReact.php?page=SIAMS_report&t=1697101822

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Petersfield Church of England Aided Primary School

God teaches us we are all equal, valued and unique

We are a small rural school with deeply held Christian values which motivate and inspire us to provide a rich and diverse education

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10



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