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Dear Beth

I write to congratulate you and all members of Brackley CE Junior School on achieving a J1 outcome in your recent SIAMS inspection, confirming that the school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.

It was heartening to read that Brackley is a 'community where pupils and adults experience life in all its fullness' and that the deeply embedded Christian vision 'shapes the school's culture and practice'. I was particularly struck by the way your vision 'inspires pupils to serve others', with a 'strong sense of empathy underpinning their attitudes and actions'.

The report justifiably commends your thoughtfully designed curriculum, shaped by the vision and rich in opportunities for spiritual development. I was glad to read that pupils are encouraged to 'listen to others and express their views with confidence'. The use of memorable enrichment experiences, such as restoring the bee garden clearly benefits your pupils, helping them to 'take responsibility for shared environments'.

I was also very pleased to read that the collective worship provides 'meaningful moments for reflection' and instils in pupils 'a deeper understanding of themselves and others'. Collective worship is so vitally important for the spiritual development of pupils and staff alike, and it's marvellous that you are so well supported in this by local clergy.

I was also delighted that RE was described as 'valued within the curriculum' with 'dedicated time each week'. It was very good to read that pupils 'make meaningful comparisons between beliefs and show respect for different viewpoints.' The inspection finding that RE is 'well led and reflects the school's Christian vision' is a great testament to the quality, diligence and effectiveness of the RE subject leadership in your school.

I was encouraged to read too of the inspector's recognition that 'staff nurture positive relationships with pupils and families'. Pupils clearly feel valued, and the positive impact of this is certainly evident in how 'older pupils recognise their responsibility as positive role models'.

The judgement affirms the resolute commitment from yourself, your staff and governors to Brackley CE Junior School's Christian foundation. Your leadership, supported by the whole school, has resulted in a flourishing Church of England school, reflecting the commitment and endeavours of everyone. Many congratulations to you and all members of the school community!

Best wishes,



Canon Andrew Read
Associate Director of Education

On behalf of,



Peter Cantley
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(currently on compassionate leave)