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Dear Miss Cherry,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Diocese following St Saviour's recent SIAMS Inspection which judged it to be Excellent.

The Church of England's vision for education (2016), 'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good' states that, '*We aim to deliver excellence in education and want the very best outcomes for children and young people so that they can achieve their fullest potential. With many schools reporting that they feel under increasing pressure to make artificial choices between academic rigour and the wellbeing of their pupils, we are unequivocal in our message that there is no such distinction – a good education must promote life in all its fullness*', and SIAMS inspections are a means by which we can ensure that our Church schools maintain these key qualities.

Therefore, I would like to congratulate you on the outcome of this inspection. There are so many elements of the report to celebrate, but I wanted to highlight just a few. Firstly, that the excellent provision for Collective Worship was recognised as being inspirational for pupils and adults alike. That the spiritual life of the school contributes meaningfully to worship and that it was recognised as providing a richness of love and compassion, and time for stillness and reflection for all to consider the inherent meaning of the 'mysteries of life'.

Secondly, I was delighted to read that that 'RE is an excellent example of how the school's vision to transform is lived out, in enabling pupils to excel', that it is being taught in creative ways making it 'real and alive' therefore enabling pupils to flourish. Truly living out your school's Christian vision. Thirdly, I was also so pleased to read that relationships are a great strength of the school and the connections that you have made and have developed with your local church, our Diocese and the local communities enrich the school and the community too.

The Diocesan Adviser, Heather Tetchner, has also vouched for the fact that the school's strongly theologically rooted Christian vision has and continues to advocate transformation of the lives of pupils and adults throughout the school and shapes the provision, permeating into every aspect of the school. Once again, congratulations on such a positive report I really do appreciate all the hard work that has taken place in the school and across the Genesis Trust to ensure that the strong Christian ethos has a real impact on the lives of all those who are a part of the school.

I know that Heather is very much looking forward to continuing to work with you all during this academic year.

Yours sincerely

**The Venerable Robin King - Archdeacon of Stansted
Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education**

