



23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019



## **'EXCELLENT' Church School Grading**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Now that we have all been reunited following our very successful transition week, I can now share some wonderful news with you all....

On Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019, we had our statutory church school inspection (SIAMS). The principal objective of SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church school, and how well the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school ensure the development and achievement of the whole child or young person.

**I am thrilled to let you know that following the inspection, we have been graded as an excellent Church of England school.**

This is the highest outcome possible under the new inspection framework and replaces the 'Outstanding' grade of the previous one. This is a fantastic achievement for our whole school community and fully recognises all of the hard work of everyone involved in St Chad's.

During the inspection, our children were wonderful ambassadors of our school and spoke so proudly and compassionately about daily life at St Chad's. I would like to say a heart-felt thank you to the many parents who gave up their time to speak with the inspector, as well as those who sent letters and emails.

It was felt that our vision was clearly shared by all and shone through in everything that was observed. Here are a few of the many excellent findings:

*St Chad's is an inclusive, compassionate and caring community where every child is valued and loved as a child of God. The Christian foundation enables faith to be encouraged and provides an explicit faith context for every pupil to explore their own journey in a climate of inclusion and acceptance.*

*Pupils are very happy and proud of their school. A 'family' ethos enables pupils to feel secure and confident to achieve well.*

*Every single child and family knows that they are loved individuals in this school.*

*St Chad's is exceptional in how it lives the Christian vision, in a multicultural community through God's love. It has a lasting impact and makes a transformational difference to the lives of pupils and adults.*

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This grading is a true testament to the hard work and dedication of **everybody** involved at St Chad's. I would like to offer my sincerest gratitude to the children, staff, families, governors, volunteers, parish of St Augustine's Church and colleagues within DDAT for their contributions to the process and the hard work and support that they undertake every day to make our school the best it can be.

I am extremely proud to have had our achievements recognised in this way and look forward to us continuing and building upon our fantastic work as an excellent church school.

Our full report is now available on our school website.

Thank you, as always, from the bottom of my heart, for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

*K. Leach*

Ms. K Leach  
Head of School



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