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Dear Parents,

I have pleasure in attaching the final report following the SIAMS Inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) of our school in April.

During the Inspection, the Inspector met with Miss Wall, Miss Evans, several groups of children, a group of parents and a group of governors. She also sought the opinions of staff working in school and visited St Cuthbert's Church. It was a very thorough and intensive experience focussing on the distinctiveness and effectiveness of Shustoke as a Church of England School, and I am delighted to report that school outcomes were found to be Outstanding in all areas.

The school, through its distinctive Christian Character is **outstanding** at meeting the needs of all learners.

The impact of collective worship on the school community is **outstanding**

The effectiveness of leadership and management of the school as a church school is **outstanding**.

The report is excellent, and full of examples of how school prioritises children's Personal Spiritual, Moral, Cultural and Social development in addition to high academic standards. As Chair of Governors, I am particularly pleased with the acknowledgement of aspects of school such as:

- The school puts each child's individual development and the welfare of the whole community at the heart of all it does.
- the values that are upheld and demonstrated by adults and children in school;
- that the dedication of the Headteacher and her staff shines through;
- that parents speak highly of the Christian values that are upheld here;
- that we are a welcoming and accepting Christian family community;
- that parents feel part of the family community which gives their children a firm foundation for life;
- that parents especially praise the Headteacher and staff who know each child by name and show their love and care for the children;

- that pupils love coming to school and are proud to belong;
- that all efforts made by the children are valued and celebrated;
- that each individual is prepared both academically and spiritually for life in a rapidly changing world;
- that children's experiences of planning and leading worship makes a rich contribution to the school's worshiping life.
- that staff feel that everyone strives to live, teach and work by shared values and celebrate the uniqueness of everyone.

I am sure that you will enjoy reading the report in full, recognising the many features of school life which we value, and the reasons why we chose to send our children to Shustoke C of E Primary School. Miss Evans took over the Subject Leadership role in RE (Religious Education) and Collective Worship three years ago, and has subsequently worked very hard with the children, staff and school leaders to make some refreshing changes that have made these areas of school life even more exciting and relevant to the children's everyday lives.

Miss Wall and her staff are passionate about their school, and this underpins every sentence within this report. I'd like to thank them for their tireless commitment, hard work and devotion to the children and community they serve.

I know that the staff appreciate the fantastic level of support from the governors and parents, and I am thrilled that the sense of community is so well reflected. However it is the children themselves that are of paramount importance - it gives me real joy to read how they conduct themselves and treat one another, and how they grow and develop so much academically, spiritually and personally as they progress through school. As it says in the report, "the smiles on their faces testify to the fact that they "keep believing in themselves"."

Yours sincerely,

Carole Byng
Chair of Governors