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Dear Carmen,

SIAMS INSPECTION OF ST RICHARD'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL - Friday 24 May 2019

I attach the report on the SIAMS inspection of St Richard's C of E Primary School which took place earlier this term. I hope you found the inspection a helpful experience in affirming the effective work of the school as well as supporting its future development.

The report describes many strengths of St Richard's as a church school. I was delighted to read how the school's Christian foundation can be seen in the unconditional love that all staff have for the community. It is very encouraging to hear that, through its distinctive Christian vision, the school enables staff and pupils to flourish. I am very pleased that there is a sense of renewal in the relationship with the local church which, in turn, is enhancing the collective worship experience. It is also pleasing to read that the RE curriculum reflects the vision to 'nurture and inspire'.

Everyone at the school is to be congratulated on the distinctiveness that is being successfully developed and maintained.

The report helpfully identifies ways in which the school can explore ways to capture non-written work in RE, increase pupil involvement in collective worship and review the school's vision; Shaun Burns, or other officers, will be very happy to support the school in addressing these areas. Please do not hesitate to ask. I hope the inspection and report have been an encouragement to everyone at the school. We like to monitor the conduct of inspections. I have therefore enclosed an evaluation/feedback sheet which I should be grateful if you would complete and return to Cheryl Kuit. It is particularly important that we receive feedback on inspections under the SIAMS arrangements.

Please convey my warmest thanks and congratulations to staff and governors for all their work on behalf of the children at St Richard's Cof E Primary School.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Mrs Kathleen Shaw, Chair of Governors