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Dear Parents,

Our Recent SIAMS Inspection

I am proud to announce the outcome of our recent SIAMS inspection last week. Kingsnorth Church of England Primary School has been awarded a J1 (Judgement 1) — the highest possible rating — which indicates that the school is fully living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.

A J1 judgement recognises that our Christian vision and practice are embedded across all aspects of school life: teaching, leadership and community engagement. It reflects that we are successfully enabling both pupils and staff to flourish spiritually, academically and socially. The inspection highlights excellence in collective worship, religious education, pastoral care and the promotion of values such as justice, responsibility and wellbeing.

This is a very positive SIAMS report and gives the school a great deal to celebrate. The overall judgement states: "Kingsnorth Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish."

Headline successes noted in the report include:

- ✓ A clear recognition that the Christian vision is genuinely lived out
- ✓ Leadership receives exceptional praise
- ✓ Inclusion and pastoral care are outstanding strengths
- ✓ Collective worship is the heart of school life
- ✓ School culture is exceptionally strong
- ✓ Pupils are developing as courageous advocates
- ✓ The curriculum helps pupils flourish
- ✓ Strong partnerships add real value

There are several particularly pleasing phrases from the report that we are proud to share and to use in future communications:

"Kingsnorth Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish,"

"Kingsnorth is a welcoming and inclusive school,"

"Collective worship... sits at the heart of school life,"

"Relationships within the school community are exceptionally strong,"

"Pastoral support for pupils is impressive,"

"Pupils describe themselves as upstanders, not bystanders,"



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and "Kindness is embedded as a lived practice."

The development points identified during the inspection are modest and are framed as refinements rather than concerns. They focus on:

- providing pupils with more meaningful time for spiritual reflection,
- supporting leaders to evaluate more explicitly how the Christian vision impacts pupils' lived experience, and
- increasing the depth and challenge of the RE curriculum.

In short, the report paints a picture of our school with a strong Christian identity, excellent pastoral care, highly effective leadership, a deeply inclusive culture, and pupils who are flourishing academically and personally. Our next steps will build on these strengths to continue improving the experiences and outcomes for every child.

To read the full report please click on the link at the bottom on this page of our website;

www.kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk/siams

Thank you for your continued support. This achievement belongs to our whole school community — pupils, staff, families, governors, church and Aquila (our Trust) — and we look forward to celebrating this success together.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Iain Witts
Headteacher