

1st July 2019

Dear Families,

As some of you may know, we have recently had our (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Inspection at Ellacombe C of E Academy and we are delighted to share with you all that we now have the full SIAMS report. This was our first SIAMS inspection since our designation as a Church School in 2016 and, as such, we were inspected under a challenging new framework.

We are thrilled with the outcome of this Inspection which recognised that across all seven strands which were looked at, Ellacombe was recognised as 'Excellent'. This is the highest possible grading!

The SIAMS inspection asks 'How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?'

**We are thrilled with the key findings from this question;**

- The exceptionally skilful head of academy and all leaders have created a vibrant, dynamic Christian learning community which lives out its vision enabling every member to flourish.
- The partnership between the school community, churches and the Learning Academy Partnership is exceptionally strong, mutually beneficial and having a tangible impact on all involved.
- The school's vision creates a highly spiritual dimension to every aspect of daily life at Ellacombe.
- The substantial support given to families is having a significant impact on the lives of pupils and demonstrates the way this school is a centre of reconciliation and support.
- Religious education strongly reflects the school's vision by developing a deep love of learning about people of other faiths as well as Christianity and thus of being 'together'.

We are incredibly proud that this report reflects how our Vision impacts upon our school family:

***"The curriculum at Ellacombe empowers pupils to be confident skilled learners who challenge themselves to be the very best they can be, as God created them to be."***

I'd like to extend my thanks to our incredible teams, not just at Ellacombe but across our Trust who work collectively every single day for the benefit of every child at Ellacombe C of E Academy.



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I would also like to thank our families for the overwhelming encouragement and support, not just during the inspection, but each and every day as we work together for all our children.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Semmens".

Mrs E Semmens  
Head of Academy