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Dear parents and carers

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist School (SIAMS)

We would like to share with you the results of an inspection that took place on Wednesday 14th February 2024 – a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). In a similar way to Ofsted, all Church of England schools are visited regularly to explore ways in which each school's theologically rooted Christian vision drives its work and enables the school to live up to its foundation as a Church school.

As part of the inspection process, the Inspectors met with key stakeholders including parents and governors. They also observed lessons, attended assembly and spent time with staff and children. The outcome of the visit was a 'J1 judgement' which means that 'Through its vision and practice, the school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.'

We are delighted to attach a copy of the report received this week.

We are very pleased that the report clearly highlights the distinct culture and ethos that has been established at our school, which is unique and special to Barrow. There is a great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes, however, to ensure that our children receive the best education, wider opportunities and flourish as in our school vision. This is thanks to the energy, skills and commitment of our whole school – staff, parents, children, governors and clergy. It's a huge team effort and we feel so fortunate to be part of such a supportive and caring community.

The report is also now available to view/download on our website.

May we take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your much valued and continued support.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Wightman Chair of Governors

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Helen Ashe Headteacher