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**Diocese of Ely**

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Dear Pupils

**SIAMS / Section 48 Inspection St Bede's Inter-Church School**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May we visited your school and we greatly enjoyed our time there. During the day we talked to quite a lot of you: in lessons; in meetings and around the school. We appreciated how welcome you made us feel. You told us how happy you are at school and how proud you are of it and you spoke articulately and with insight, real appreciation and understanding. It is clear that your Head teacher and his staff have worked with you to improve your school and are making it a great place to be.

The focus for our visit was to look at your learning in Religious Education and the Christian life of the school. Most of you make very good progress in RE. The exam results in RE are excellent and you told us that you have good relationships with your teachers which helps you to do so well.

While we were at the school we attended assembly and two Tutor Worships where you participated, reflected and engaged well. You spoke with enthusiasm of the sacred space you have in each tutor room. We have seen that you want to be even more involved and have great ideas of your own about how to get across the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. We have asked your school to help you develop the role of the chaplaincy representatives so that you become confident to lead a wider range of collective worship experiences and to provide ways for more of you to engage meaningfully with the chaplaincy to further your spiritual development even more. We have also asked that all subjects continue to embed the Christian ethos so that this is reflected throughout the entire curriculum, not just Religious Education. We know that this is already happening, and that you would like to build on this even more.

Everywhere we went we saw you behaving well and there was a calm, purposeful and joyful atmosphere in your classrooms and around the school. One of you said, 'the 'Holy Spirit flows through the school like a river'. You should be very proud of yourselves.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Fenella Ford (Section 48 Inspector), and Mrs Kathryn Wright (SIAMS Inspector)