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Mr Chris Penn Diocesan Director of Education

Dear Sharon,

I am writing to express my great pleasure in receiving your SIAMS inspection report at the end of term, and to offer my personal congratulations to you and the whole school team on the very positive outcome. I was delighted to read that Lower Peover CE Primary have been awarded an excellent judgement under the new SIAMS framework.

The report reflects the strong Christian character at Lower Peover and highlights the many strengths across each of the areas inspected. On reading the report, it is clear that the Christian leadership of the school is an inspiration and considerable strength and this is a key contributor to sustaining and embedding the school's distinctively Christian vision. It is also evident that the school's successes are built on the strong relationships that are so well established across the school community.

Some of the key statements that stand out in the report include,

- The exceptionally strong, dynamic leadership of the headteacher has created a vibrant, deeply Christian learning community in which every member flourishes.
- Dedicated staff and highly skilled governors share the inclusive Christian vision which inspires and directs all aspects of school improvement.
- Lower Peover's vision is founded upon deeply embedded Christian values and rooted in gospel teaching. It is highly inclusive, ensuring that all are valued and supported so that they can make the most of their God-given talents.
- Leaders are totally committed to continuous improvement, seeking to ensure that they provide the best possible learning environment and educational practice.

- Staff morale is extremely high because all feel valued, respected and supported, professionally and personally. Their wellbeing is promoted at all levels. They are always willing to 'go the extra mile' for pupils. This is confirmed by parents who are overwhelmingly supportive of the school.
- Pupils strive to meet the high expectations of their teachers, whom they respect and trust implicitly. They thoroughly enjoy all that the school offers, benefiting from an exciting curriculum designed to develop key skills and foster creativity.
- The outstanding quality of their art and prose is testament to the school's unique approach to the curriculum. It provides an outstanding vehicle through which pupils develop spiritually and personally.
- Collective worship is the heartbeat of the school. Pupils' attitudes are extremely positive because they feel fully included and involved. Themes are firmly based on Christian values and the life and teaching of Jesus. As a result, pupils talk confidently about Jesus' teaching and its implications in their own lives.
- All members of this vibrant Christian learning community are united in the belief that the school's Christian vision and values are lived out daily. This is transforming the lives of pupils and adults enabling all to flourish.

These reflect the distinctive qualities that make Lower Peover an excellent Church of England primary school.

Please pass on my congratulations to the pupils, staff team, the governing body, your incumbent and parents. There is so much to celebrate and the report recognises the hard work and contribution that each has made to ensure the school's Christian character is at the heart of Lower Peover CE Primary School.

I will be sending a copy of this letter to your Chair of Governors and look forward to visiting Lower Peover in the year ahead. I extend warm wishes to you and your team for continued success in the year ahead.

Every blessing,

Chris Penn Director of Education