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Dear Elizabeth,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Diocese following Shenfield St Mary's recent SIAMS inspection, which found that the school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish. The report affirms that your Christian vision is deeply embedded and actively shaping the life of the school.

I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to you, your leadership team, and the whole staff on such a positive and affirming outcome. The report highlights the way your vision is lived out through a culture of inclusion, nurture and high expectations. It is clear that pupils are thriving in an environment where they feel safe, valued and empowered to grow.

The inspection commends the way your curriculum is shaped by your Christian vision, enabling pupils to explore big questions and develop a strong sense of moral purpose. The emphasis on courageous advocacy and the way pupils engage with issues of justice and compassion is inspiring. It is evident that your staff are committed to nurturing the whole child—academically, spiritually and emotionally.

I was particularly struck by the strength of your collective worship and the way it brings the school community together in reflection and celebration. The report also recognises the high-quality RE provision, which supports pupils in developing a deep understanding of Christianity and other worldviews. Your commitment to professional development and staff wellbeing is also rightly celebrated.

The development points offer helpful next steps and reflect a school that is already reflective and forward-thinking. I am confident that under your leadership, these areas will be embraced with the same care and dedication that characterise all you do.

Once again, congratulations on this wonderful outcome. The Diocese is proud to walk alongside you and looks forward to continuing our partnership as you build on this success.

With warmest wishes,

The Right Reverend Roger Morris
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