

**PEOPLE (CHILDREN) SCRUTINY PANEL**

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**NATIONAL SOCIETY STATUTORY INSPECTION OF ANGLICAN AND METHODIST  
SCHOOLS (SIAMS)**

**REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF  
ST MARY AND ST JOHN CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Report of the Director for People**

STRATEGIC AIM:	<b>Creating a Brighter Future for All</b>
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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1** This report provides an overview and summary of findings of the National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Inspection report for St Mary and St John CE Primary School conducted on 11 March 2014.
- 1.2** St Mary and St John CE Primary School was also inspected by Ofsted on and achieved a 'Good' grade outcome. A report on the Ofsted inspection has previously been presented to People (Children) Scrutiny Panel.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1** That People (Children) Scrutiny Panel considers the contents of this SIAMS report noting the inspection judgement, overall distinctiveness and effectiveness and areas to improve.

**3. CONTEXT**

- 3.1** St Mary and St John CE Primary School is located within the Diocese of Peterborough. It was previously inspected for its distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Church of England school in October 2008.
- 3.2** The most recent SIAMS inspection was conducted by Revd Douglas Spenceley on 11 March 2014.
- 3.3** During the most recent SIAMS inspection the school was under the leadership of a new Head Teacher, Mrs Fiona Wilce who was also leading the school during the Ofsted inspection in 28 - 29 January 2014
- 3.4** St Mary and St John is a smaller than the average-sized rural primary school, with 170 pupils. Currently a small but significant number of service children are from MOD North Luffenham, whose families will shortly be deployed. Nearly all pupils are of White British origin. The proportion of children with special educational or physical needs is below average. Very

few pupils are eligible for free school meals. The headteacher took up post in September 2013.

#### **4. SIAMS INSPECTION**

**4.1** A SIAMS inspection judges a school under the following categories:

- a. The distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Church of England school;
- b. The extent to which the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meets the needs of all learners;
- c. The impact of collective worship on the school community;
- d. The effectiveness of the religious education;
- e. Areas for improvement.

#### **5. ST MARY AND ST JOHN CE PRIMARY SCHOOL – SIAM REPORT MAIN FINDINGS**

**5.1** The attached Appendix A provides the SIAMS inspection report for St Mary and St John CE Primary School and includes background information about the inspection carried out and the inspection findings.

**5.2** In summary, the findings of the SIAMS inspection were as follows:

This is a school that was found to be Good in all categories.

- a. The distinctiveness and effectiveness of St Mary and St John's as a Church of England school are good;
- b. The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is good at meeting the needs of all learners;
- c. The impact of collective worship on the school community is good;
- d. The effectiveness of religious education is good.

**5.3** Areas for improvement were found as follows:

- a. Review and revise the school's Christian vision and documentation, so that it fully reflects the explicit Christian values which underpin the development of the school;
- b. Embed the monitoring and evaluation of the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school to inform accurately future developments;
- c. Secure comprehensive tracking and assessment for religious education (RE).

## 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

<b>RISK</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Time	Low	This school has already commenced action with regard to the areas for improvement.
Viability	Low	The school remains good and there are no viability issues. However, the school is subject to current and future movement of services children which may introduce a widening of the range of educational and religious needs.
Finance	Low	The mobility levels in the school due to service children movements may affect the financial position of the school.
Profile	Low	The school inspection outcomes have been well received by the community.
Equality and Diversity	Low	The school is subject to current and future movement of services children which may introduce a widening of the range of educational and religious needs.

### **Background Papers**

St Mary and St John  
SIAMS Report

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