

Great Gaddesden Cof E (VA) Primary School

'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated' (Luke 6:31)

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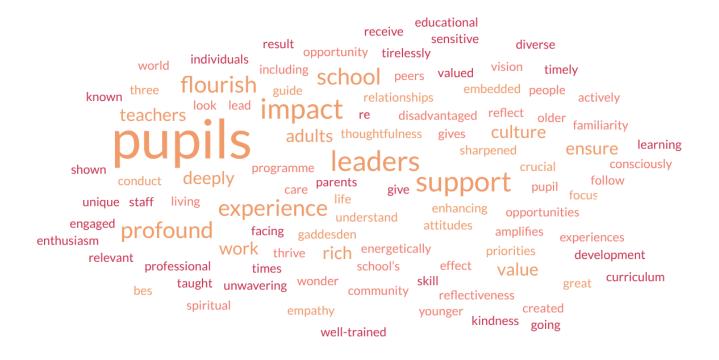
Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: SIAMS Inspection report

I am writing to share with you the outcome following the recent SIAMS inspection on 7th July.

We are delighted to have been awarded 'Judgement One' which means that Great Gaddesden is living up to its foundation as a Church school and enabling pupils and adults to flourish.

The report is very affirming of the work we do as a Church school and there are so many highlights but I thought I would share some of the quotes from the report that I thought captured our school really well:



- "Leaders, teachers and support staff work tirelessly to ensure that pupils and parents are known
 as unique and valued individuals. As a result, pupils who are vulnerable or going through difficult
 times receive timely and sensitive support."
- "Great Gaddesden's Christian vision is deeply embedded and has a profound impact on the life of the school. The more recent addition of the 'three Bes' to the vision has sharpened its focus, enhancing its impact. Consequently, leaders, adults and pupils understand and value it as a crucial guide to their conduct, priorities and attitudes."

- "The 'three Bes' have a profound impact on relationships at Great Gaddesden."
- "School culture is characterised by the practice of thoughtfulness, empathy and reflectiveness."
- "Parents and staff greatly value the fact that the parish church is an integral part of their experience of school. They flourish because the school's Church of England foundation is central to its work."
- "Leaders work energetically to ensure that pupils, including those who are disadvantaged, have a rich school experience. Consequently, pupils, including those who are deemed vulnerable, make strong progress during their time at school."
- "Here, pupils follow a programme that gives them the opportunity to reflect and to experience wonder at the created world. These spiritual experiences have a profound effect on pupils."
- "Older pupils flourish through the opportunities they have to lead the pupil community and support their younger peers."
- "A culture of care amplifies the impact of this familiarity. People actively look out for each other, consciously living out the school's vision."
- "Adults thrive through the kindness they are shown when facing difficulties and the unwavering support that leaders give to their professional development."
- "Pupils are deeply engaged in their learning in RE. This is because of the relevant curriculum, taught with enthusiasm and skill by well-trained teachers."
- "pupils flourish through a rich and diverse educational experience"

To read more of the report, please find attached a copy of the full inspection.

In addition to finding the strengths of our school, it was also really reassuring that the inspector agreed with our self-evaluation regarding the areas we would like to develop even further. These will shape our development plans moving forwards to continue to drive forward the strong work we do as a Church school.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the staff, children, parents and governors of Great Gaddesden for their important and valued role within our school community as well as supporting me to lead our school forwards. Together, we will continue to ensure our school is the best place it can be, enabling everyone to flourish.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M. Beach

Headteacher