

Miss M. Grima,  
Burham CE Primary School  
Bell Lane  
Burham  
Rochester  
Kent ME1 3SY

9<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Dear Michelle,

I am writing on behalf of the Rochester Diocesan Board of Education having recently received your SIAMS report in which your school was judged as 'good' for which we offer you our thanks and congratulations.

We know that this is a reflection of the hard work that all of your team has put into the Christian distinctiveness of the school, its collective worship and its RE. Commitment to these aspects of school life by those who lead, manage and govern the school, especially by yourself, is clear throughout your report. Thank you for continuing to show dedication to developing your Church school community in various and interesting ways.

We were particularly pleased to note that your increased focus on the Christian character of the school has resulted in your pupils being exceptionally courteous and well behaved, and that everyone has a clear sense of being accepted for themselves within a Christian community at Burham school. This has been underpinned by valuable opportunities for prayer and reflection, thus nurturing the spiritual development of your pupils and the spiritual life of the school. All of this requires strong leadership which you continue to provide with your focus on Christian values and beliefs.

As one of our schools which is on its journey to outstanding, we would like to invite you to visit other schools in the Diocese if that would be beneficial for you. This would give you the opportunity to share your practice as well as to learn from others. This will be of mutual benefit to the staff teams in the schools involved. Virginia Corbyn can be of assistance if you want to find a school with particular expertise which you are seeking to improve.

In terms of the recommendations that are made about ensuring that you should ensure that religious education allows the most able to achieve higher levels of attainment, increase the opportunities for pupils to plan and to lead worship, relate your Christian values explicitly to learning, and ensure that there is consistency in the way Christian values are written into school

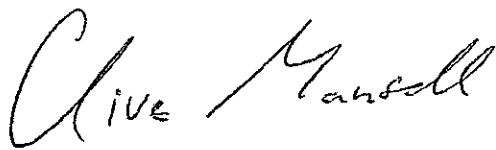


policies, please contact Virginia Corbyn to seek support in addressing these issues if that would be helpful.

In the meantime, accept our congratulations once again as you move forward.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clive Mansell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C".

**The Ven. Clive Mansell**  
**Acting Chair to the Board of Education**