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Dear Parents and Carers,

Official Final Ofsted Report

As you will know, we had our Ofsted inspection on the 20th & 21st September. Two inspectors spent two days making a judgement about St John's. This was our first inspection in 10 years. The Ofsted framework changed dramatically in 2019, and the meanings behind the judgements of 'Good' and 'Outstanding' now have different definitions.

We have been rated overall as a 'Good' school, and we are really pleased. I have attached the report, which shows how well the inspectors understood our school and how impressed they were with our school's strong sense of community and the fact that our children feel happy and secure because adults keep them safe. We were also pleased that Ofsted recognised the unique position of our new leadership and admin teams; having only been in position for 19 days, we had already moved quickly to get to know pupils and their families and made a positive impact on the education provided.

Our main area for future improvement is to strengthen the curriculum across all subjects and further support our SEND pupils in order that they are able to access the curriculum consistently. These are already key priorities on our school development plan.

Whilst I recognise this represents a change from the past inspection, based on the changes to the framework, 'Good' is where we, the Leadership Team and Governors, judged ourselves to be in our own evaluation of the school. The inspectors were pleased that we knew our school well and had our school development plan in place to strive to achieve aspirational goals for all our children.

We are delighted that we have been awarded 'Outstanding' in one of the categories: 'Personal Development'. It is a real accolade to the staff and children to have achieved a judgement of 'Outstanding' in this area. This means that other schools will be invited to see our exceptional practice in how we develop our children, our very stimulating and enriching wider curriculum, the support available for their well-being and the exceptionally well-considered programme of activities we offer our children here at St John's.

Please congratulate your children's teachers and teaching assistants as they work incredibly hard to provide the best possible outcomes and learning opportunities for your children.





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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the inspection: meeting the inspectors, completing the surveys and even sending in small treats for the staff were all very much appreciated. And finally, a big thank you for your continued support of the decisions we make each day at St John's.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope you enjoy reading the report!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Tonnie Read
Executive Headteacher

