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Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to share with you the recent Ofsted report for St. Joseph's, which highlights numerous strengths and areas of excellence within our school community. This was the school's first inspection in some 12 years following a period of exemption and we are pleased that the report confirms the school is securely 'Good' in all areas.

First and foremost, the report underscores the vibrant and caring atmosphere at St. Joseph's, where pupils enjoy learning and demonstrate deep respect, politeness, and kindness towards each other. The strong relationships between pupils and adults contribute to a safe environment where pupils feel supported and valued. The report also praises the school's inclusive approach, noting that pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities receive excellent support. Expectations for behaviour are clear, and instances of bullying are rare, with pupils confident that any issues would be promptly addressed. Academically, the school's focus on reading is commendable, with a rigorous approach to early reading and phonics resulting in rapid progress for pupils. The curriculum is carefully planned to foster curiosity and engagement from the early years through to Year 6, with teachers providing engaging learning opportunities tailored to individual needs.

While the report acknowledges the school's strengths, it also highlights areas for improvement, particularly in mapping out clearer learning progression and consistent assessment practices in some areas of the wider curriculum. However, it's reassuring for Ofsted to recognise that plans are already in place to address these areas. The school will continue to work collaboratively with trust leaders to ensure these areas develop at pace.

St. Joseph's places a strong emphasis on personal, social, and health education, ensuring pupils develop not only academically but also spiritually, morally, and socially. Leadership roles and extracurricular activities contribute to pupils' holistic development.

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Overall, the report reflects the dedication and hard work of our staff, who are supported by effective training and resources. We're proud to be part of a school and trust community that prioritises the well-being and achievement of every pupil.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

Best wishes,

Mrs Velayudhan Tomlin
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Mr Richards
Chair of Governors



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