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Dear Parents and Carers,

St. Mary's completed a two-day Section 5 Graded Ofsted Inspection earlier this week. With our last inspection taking place over five years ago, we were pleased to welcome the inspectors to our school. As you may be aware, the school has been on a significant journey of change and improvement since the last inspection. We joined the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership (MNSP) in May 2020 and have received significant investment and support from the Trust to help us achieve the best outcomes for every child.

We wanted to write to you all to express our thanks to those parents who provided feedback via Ofsted Parent View, which was overwhelmingly positive. We were very encouraged by the feedback. It was especially rewarding for the staff to receive recognition for all the hard work they put in daily.

We also want to highlight that, in addition to being well presented, your children displayed impeccable conduct over the two days. They spoke with confidence and each one served as a fantastic ambassador for St. Mary's and a credit to you as parents and carers.

Ofsted's judgements following our inspection are currently going through a quality control process. Once the report is finalised and publicly released, we will send you a copy and publish it on our website. We expect the final report to be available before the end of November.

The removal of Ofsted's single-word judgements took effect at the start of this academic year. As a result, we will now receive ratings across five key areas: Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management, and Early Years. There will be no overall headline grade. Instead, the school will be assessed in each area using a four-point scale:

- Grade 1 (Outstanding)
- Grade 2 (Good)
- Grade 3 (Requires Improvement)
- Grade 4 (Inadequate)

To achieve an 'Outstanding' judgement in any of these areas, schools need to meet **all** the criteria and be considered exceptional.

Once again, we'd like to express our gratitude for your continued support. We are looking forward to sharing the report with you and addressing any areas for improvement highlighted by Ofsted or our current stakeholders.

Best wishes,

Michelle Parsons
Executive Headteacher

Jamie Thomson
Head of School