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Dear Parents,

Ofsted's report on the inspection on 28th and 29th January is now available on the school website. As indicated in the report, St George's has maintained its previous rating of 'Good'. The inspection system, outlined at the bottom of the report, is a little complex, but as this was an 'ungraded' inspection it only assessed whether or not the 'Good' rating would remain, and not how the rating might change.

While the grading itself was therefore expected, the feedback nevertheless contained useful detail. This came both in the official inspection report, and in oral feedback given to governors on the day of the inspection. We governors were particularly pleased by not only the number but also the variety of areas of school life highlighted as extremely positive. These included:

- The school's provision for Disadvantaged Children, noted as inclusive and with needs quickly identified
- Pupil conduct, including behaviour, maturity, and respect and support for each other
- Areas of the Curriculum observed over the two days, including English, Maths and Music
- Early Years provision, providing "very strong foundations" and an "excellent start"
- Pupils' personal development and enrichment, with "a plethora of activities" noted and pupils' leadership opportunities praised
- The school's teachers, including the range of activities they plan and their placing of pupils' interests first
- The school's leadership and management

In addition, Safeguarding was judged 'Effective', with both teaching and non-teaching staff recognised as vigilant, and children found to feel safe.

As governors we are well aware of how the staff strive to provide a rounded education for your children. The range of areas highlighted for commendation is therefore a gratifying reflection of these efforts. In particular, as a school built upon Gospel values, we were delighted that Ofsted highlighted:

- The "strong moral purpose" underpinning learning at St George's
- The central role of charity work in school life
- Pupils embodying "the St George's way", in demonstrating kind and courteous behaviour.

Another underpinning theme of the feedback from Ofsted that we were pleased to note was the warm and positive atmosphere at St George's. The report observed that pupils are happy, oral feedback referred to "joy"



within classrooms and staff are observed to feel part of a community and family (with one member of staff quoted as saying that they "bounce into work"!).

Back in 2019 Ofsted identified a handful of key areas for improvement at St George's, including around the role of subject leaders, teaching of phonics and some specific parental concerns. It was satisfying for us governors to note that each of these are now reported by Ofsted as having been effectively addressed, through specific actions taken by the school.

In this year's inspection the areas identified for improvement by Ofsted were around consistent checking of children's understanding, and the embedding of this year's new subject-specific curriculum in Foundation Subjects. The inspectors did however also acknowledge that the school had itself formally identified these areas as requiring improvement, prior to the inspection, and had already begun taking action to address them.

The fact that the areas for improvement identified by the inspector were already very much on the radar of the school's Senior Leadership Team, and already being addressed, reflects very positively on the current position of the school. Ultimately then, looking overall at the areas for improvement, one might say there were no unpleasant surprises.

On a practical note, Mr O'Rourke and all the staff deserve huge credit for performing so well under the considerable strain that an Ofsted inspection generates. In this instance the phone call informing the school of the inspection was made particularly late on the morning of Monday 27th January - meaning that the staff had even less time than anticipated to prepare for the process!

I am sure you will join me in thanking and congratulating all the staff for their efforts and for the grading achieved. As I have emphasised to the staff, an Ofsted inspection is not just a gauge of how the school performs over two specific days, but a reflection of, in our case, six years of work.

I also thank each and every governor who has contributed to the school in that period; and I pay tribute to the children, whose exemplary behaviour and positivity was so pleasingly observed by Ofsted.

And finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents, for your support and engagement. This includes your interactions with Ofsted during the inspection (in terms of responding to questionnaires, meeting with inspectors and your general conduct around the school), but also more broadly in recent years. For any school to thrive, a positive relationship between staff and parents is essential. The 'Good' rating delivered is a strong endorsement of the vital contribution you make to St George's.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Lacquiere". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Lacquiere, Chair of Governors