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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of you will be aware that the school had an unannounced inspection visit from Ofsted three weeks ago. Following the intense and thorough inspection process I am delighted to share with you the news that Ofsted have officially rated our school as a "Good" school. We achieved a "Good" rating for all five inspection criteria used by Ofsted as well as for the overall effectiveness of the school. I have attached a copy of the full Ofsted inspection report to this letter and would encourage you to read it.

Our previous Ofsted inspection in July 2014 rated us as "Requires Improvement". That rating was certainly a disappointment at the time but it did serve to highlight the areas where we as a school needed to improve. Over the following two years the school has been on an intense yet rewarding improvement journey, using the 2014 inspection findings as a guide. This improvement journey, led by Mrs Roberts our Interim Headteacher and the school Leadership Team, also relied on the engagement of all the staff at the school. On behalf of the governors I would like to thank Mrs Roberts, the Leadership Team and all the staff for their energy, commitment and hard work over the last two years and hope they feel proud, as I do, of what has been achieved during that time.

I am pleased that this latest Ofsted report recognises that teaching at St Peters is good and that "Outcomes are improving across the school in reading, writing and mathematics" and that "...all staff now have high expectations of what pupils can achieve; they have developed a drive and ambition for pupils to achieve their best". We can feel great pride in being recognised as a "Good" school but our improvement journey does not end here. We cannot afford to stand still.

In order for St Peters to become an "Outstanding" school we still have areas for improvement. The schools Governing Body will work with Mr McCulley and the staff in the school to ensure we maintain our focus on improvement, particularly in the areas identified in the Ofsted report, whilst also recognising all the other things the school does that makes it such a distinctive, great school. A school that gives our children such great support, encouragement and opportunities in the wider curriculum.

I would also like to thank the important part played by our children in our school improvement journey. The children are at the heart of all we do and particularly over these last two years they have worked so hard, enthusiastically engaging with the new practices and other changes introduced as part of the improvement action plan. I was particularly pleased that the Ofsted inspectors recognised the good attitude and behaviour of the children at St Peters during their visit. In addition to the children, I would also like to thank the parents and carers for their support over the past two years and for all those parents or carers who took the time to speak to the inspectors during their visit or made their views known through the online Parent View survey.

The "Good" Ofsted rating is a great achievement for our school but it is not our final destination, more like a milestone along our continuing improvement journey.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RB' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

Rod Brown
Chair of Governors