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Dear Parents,

As you know, we received our monitoring inspection from Ofsted on 19th May. The purpose of this visit was to assess whether the school are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified in the last inspection, in order to become a good school. We are pleased to now be able to share with you our letter from Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI), which is very positive. The letter confirms that we have taken effective action and comments positively on all of the development points from the last inspection.

In our previous inspection report we were asked to raise expectations, ensure challenge for all pupils and make more effective use of time. The inspector judged that we are now successfully raising expectations and showing strong determination to further improve outcomes. He noted effective use of questioning to challenge pupils and good use of time to maximise learning opportunities.

The inspector praised our high expectations for standards of teaching and noted that teaching is improving throughout the school, due to a more consistent approach. He also commented on the role that monitoring and a focused programme of coaching for teachers had played in this.

At the last inspection we were asked to refine our action plans to ensure that they included specific actions with clear timescales and rigorously measured the impact on pupils' progress. This has now been noted as a strength, as has the role of governors in ensuring school improvement and holding school leaders to account. The support we have received from the OPEN Trust was also praised.

The inspector gave us one development point, which is to ensure that challenge is well matched to all pupils' needs. It was felt that in some lessons challenge was too high for some pupils. We will continue to develop our teaching to ensure that all pupils are challenged at a level that is appropriate for them.

Our staff team have worked incredibly hard over the past 14 months to address the development points we were given in March 2016. We would like to thank them for their ongoing commitment to developing the quality of teaching at St John's, for their continued creativity to ensure we deliver a broad curriculum and for their care for the children. Focused challenge and support from our governors has been extremely helpful throughout the time since the last inspection, and we would like to extend our thanks to them also.

We are also grateful for the support you give us as we continue our work to ensure that St John's is judged to be 'good' at the next inspection, which we can expect to take place in March 2018.

As a staff and a governing body, we will continue to be ambitious for the school and fulfill our vision to develop inquisitive, independent and confident learners.

We will be holding drop in sessions on 22nd June at 3pm and at 6.30pm for any parents who would like to come. Please do come along if you have any questions or would like to discuss the monitoring visit letter further.

Yours sincerely,

Nicky Hughes and Ron Harink

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