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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am now pleased to be able to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection which took place on Thursday 7th December. All schools previously graded as 'good' now receive short inspections. Short inspections include one day in the school and take place approximately every three years. A short inspection determines whether the school continues to provide the same good standard of education for its pupils. It does not give individual graded judgements nor does it change the overall effectiveness grade of the school. The inspection was carried out by an HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) the highest qualified grade for an inspector. The day was intense, thorough and focussed on school leadership.

Prior to the inspection, the inspector identified key lines of enquiry based on information available about the school, along with improvement points from the previous inspection. The key lines undertaken on this inspection are described under the heading 'Inspection findings'. All children interviewed during the process and examples of learning for scrutiny, were selected by the inspector.

The school staff and Governors are delighted that following this rigorous inspection of our teaching, learning, assessment and procedures, the inspector recognised that:

- Pupils at All Saints School make good progress and that the school reflects its core principle 'Nurturing hearts; inspiring minds'.
- That the overwhelming majority of pupil and parents recognise this and are proud to be a part of this school.
- The school provides *'effective professional support in addition to strong induction arrangements'* for new members of staff which ensures that the quality of teaching, learning and assessment is maintained and therefore pupils continue to make good progress including those with special educational needs.
- Our pupils feel safe in school; they know what bullying is and say it is very rare. Pupils, staff and the vast majority of parents agree that incidents are resolved.
- *'Pupils continue to enjoy school and make good progress.'*
- *'Pupils write with enthusiasm and knowledge to complete sustained and often high-quality pieces of work' and 'there is strong writing across the school.'*

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- The school has *'established strong processes and systems for checking pupils and holding others to account. This is effective in supporting pupils to do well.'*
- There is a *'strong team ethic'* in the school and additionally: *'strong and well established systems'* that enable new members of staff to adapt to their new situations quickly.
- *'Governors empower staff through ensuring that there is a positive and supportive environment aimed at getting the best for the pupils.'*

In our small school, cohorts are small in number and therefore attainment percentages may not reflect the good progress children make from starting points, particularly if a cohort has a high proportion of children with special educational needs. We are very pleased that the HMI recognised that all our pupils make good progress from starting points. In fact, there are nine statements in the letter referring to good progress children make or the quality of systems in place to ensure this. This reflects our commitment to personalising provision to the needs of our individual children so that they all thrive.

New subject leaders appointed to the school have, we believe, rightly concentrated on teaching and learning within their classes during their first term at All Saints. They are all experienced leaders who are working on the development of the school within their areas of expertise.

Whilst we are very pleased with the outcome of this inspection, we are never complacent (as recognised the report) and we will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. The inspector agreed that our priorities for school development were accurate, reflected our next steps to improve further and that we *'ensure that teaching learning and assessment are continuing to improve'*.

I am thrilled that this report recognises the very good quality of education provided at All Saints School and that it is a happy and safe place. This reflects the commitment and passion exemplified by every staff member in the team on a daily basis. I am very grateful to our dedicated Governors, described by the inspector as *'a knowledgeable and caring governing body.'* Their excellent work is recognised in the following statement *'They carry out their business efficiently and with the best interests of the pupils at heart, including visiting the school to meet with pupils and observe the impact of leaders' strategies first hand.'* Furthermore, *'they demonstrate challenge and clearly hold the school to account.'*

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We want our whole school community to share in our high expectations and ambitions for the school. Thanks are extended to the overwhelming majority of parents who expressed their support for the school and who recognise our passion for the work we do. This was also reflected in the results of our most recent Parents' Questionnaire, which I will also share with you shortly.

If, however you have concerns around any aspect of our provision for your child, I do urge you to come in to school to discuss them at the earliest opportunity. The door is always open.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and productive New Year, one in which we may move forward together in partnership to obtain the very best outcomes for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Crumpler

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