

18th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Outcome of Recent Ofsted Inspection

It is with great pleasure that I share the outcomes of our recent Ofsted Inspection on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June.

It is testament to the growing strength of our community that St Anne's, for the first time in its history, has been **judged by Ofsted to be a good school**. Phrases used in the report such as '*substantial improvements*', '*high standards*', '*increasing ambition*', '*pupils feel valued*' and the atmosphere in the school is '*calm and orderly*' really does reflect the growing confidence of the St Anne's community.

To achieve this under a new robust framework was no easy feat but the St Anne's community showed what can be achieved as a direct result of strong leadership, substantial improvement in the quality of teaching and an unrelenting focus on pastoral care, all underpinned by our high expectations/standards and our new culture, the '*St Anne's Way*'. It has not always been easy, and there is still much more to achieve, but it is an absolute pleasure to lead such a united and caring community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the stakeholders who have all played their part over the past 2 years.

- The *governors* are a strength of the school. They are highly experienced and absolutely committed. They are volunteers and they work **really hard behind the scenes** to ensure that your child gets the best possible education.
- The *parents* are supportive. A school cannot achieve good without parental support. Over the next year there will be a real concerted effort to engage with more parents so that they are proud of this school and its community. Far too long, St Anne's has not been the 'school of choice' and I hope that this report will change this narrative.
- The *staff*; leaders, teachers and support staff are dedicated, work hard, are highly professional and go the **extra-mile** to serve the St Anne's children. I was very proud to read that Ofsted said '*Staff are proud to work at this school*'. Next year we will continue to consolidate all the strengths while addressing any areas for improvement.
- Our *students* are simply great. Their belief in themselves has grown, the vast majority of students' conduct is great, and they are much happier at school. Long may this continue! I am pleased all this was acknowledged in the report. We will continue to ensure that the students here are proud to be here and become ambassadors for the school.

Finally, this community has much potential. Governors, leaders, teachers and support staff are all united in meeting our vision, which is to become '*outstanding in all we do*'.

A genuine and massive thanks for all your support.

Regards

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