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Dear Parents / Carers,

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You may recall that in my last letter I mentioned that the school had two school inspections within only a few weeks of each other. We have now received the report which relates to our status as a Church school. We are delighted to highlight the strengths identified and the areas to develop which build upon our existing work. The following is a summary of the full report which can be found on the school website.

Strengths identified

- This is a deeply Christian learning environment in which the school's Christian values are clearly understood and lived out daily so that all members of the school community enthusiastically articulate the impact of those values on their lives.
- Religious education (RE) and collective worship are pivotal to the daily life of the school such that pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is transformational.
- All school leaders exemplify the Christian values in all aspects of school life, consequently policies and decision making are constantly underpinned by the Christian character of the school.
- Leaders have developed effective plans to address a decline in pupil outcomes, particularly in writing, and there are convincing signs of improvement.

The Inspector, on behalf of the National Society for Anglican Schools, identified the following areas to help the school improve:

- Development of the RE curriculum to include the 'Understanding Christianity' resource [new in Autumn 2016] to further enhance and deepen staff knowledge and pupil learning.
- Refresh and develop the use of Godly Play so that all new staff are confident to use this approach within the classroom.
- Review self-evaluation as a Church school to demonstrate more clearly the contribution the Christian character of the school makes to the academic achievement of pupils.

Staff and governors are now working on action points from the two reports and these will be shared with you in the near future. Everyone is fully committed to the education of the children in our care.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of the work of the school.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of Governors

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