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Dear Parents/Carers

I have great pleasure in writing to you regarding the Ofsted letter that we have received, following our recent inspection. It can be accessed on our school website using the following link: <http://www.st-swithuns.oxon.sch.uk/Ofsted-Report> . It is due to be published on the Ofsted website on Monday 27th March.

The inspector reviewed the evidence of the hard work that has gone on since our last inspection in 2011. Our school has undergone many changes since then and there is a great deal to celebrate. The current Ofsted inspection framework is arguably more challenging than ever before and retaining our judgement of 'Good' reflects the higher standards that are now evident in all aspects of the school's work.

Our governors and staff have embraced change with enthusiasm, driven by the determination to provide the very best possible teaching and learning opportunities for all the children, without ever losing sight of the caring and supportive 'family' ethos that makes our school's learning environment so rich. The outcome of the inspection is one that the whole school community really deserves. Our inspector obviously recognised the tireless hard work, commitment, dedication and diligent professionalism that occur every day across our school.

What is particularly pleasing is that our inspector found St Swithun's to be *"a friendly and happy school where pupils feel valued, enjoy learning and make good progress."* She also noted that *"staff go out of their way to ensure that individual pupils are supported well,"* and that *"Governors are knowledgeable about their roles and responsibilities."*

Your support throughout the inspection was tremendous. Thank you for your overwhelmingly positive responses on 'Parentview' and from those of you who spoke with the inspector on the day. I feel that it is worth reminding everyone that St Swithun's strives to be open and responsive in all matters and that we are eager to receive any comments or concerns throughout the year.

Retaining our 'Good' judgement will not bring a hint of complacency and we continue to share a constant desire for improvement. We have a detailed school improvement plan in place to map growth throughout the school. Moving into Ofsted's 'outstanding' category will, I hope, become a reality, once our results in statutory assessments across the school have been sustained above national levels for several years.

At this point in time, however, I would like to thank our staff, and governors for their tireless work on behalf of all our children and to you for your continuing support and encouragement both for your children and the school. I feel that the last word must go to all our children for their wonderful enthusiasm, fabulous attitudes to learning and their constant determination to be the best that they can be in all aspects of school life.

Yours sincerely

Helen Atkinson
Headteacher

