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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share the fantastic news that our school has been graded **Outstanding** by Ofsted, in all areas, with no areas for development.

This follows a two-day Ofsted inspection, which as you know took place on the 7th and 8th November. St Mary's was identified as **a beacon of aspiration in the community.** Where, **The school's ethos of love underpins everything it does.** Throughout the inspection, the pupils were a credit to the school, to you and to the local community.

We are delighted that Ofsted has recognised the exceptional work at St Mary's and particularly that **pupils are** taught in a loving and caring atmosphere and show these values of love and consideration to others. Pupils have consistently positive attitudes to their learning. They are polite and respectful learners.

We could not have achieved this amazing recognition without your support and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you and your fantastic children for the unrelenting support you have shown to St Mary's and the changes we have embraced.

Similarly I would like to give enormous thanks to our team of dedicated staff and leaders. Ofsted noted: **Staff** have a shared deep understanding of how the curriculum builds over time. The curriculum is extremely well sequenced and supports the development of pupils' language and communication skills purposefully.

We are incredibly proud of our inclusive and vibrant school, where all children thrive: Provision for pupils with Special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is excellent. Support is appropriately targeted, especially for pupils who encounter traumatic experiences, such as bereavement. Pupils with SEND access therapeutic or specially resourced provision. These pathways ensure that pupils with SEND experience bespoke curriculums in an inclusive, nurturing environment.

We are extremely proud of everything that we have been able to achieve at St Mary's, and with your help, as always, we look forward to the school continuing on its strong upward trajectory. We pledge to continue to help all our pupils fulfil their potential and continue to drive forward standards and ensure the best for our pupils every day.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the Ofsted report. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

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