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Dear all

St Joseph's Local Governing Committee, on behalf of the Bosco Trust Board, are delighted to present you with the report from our recent Ofsted inspection in May.

We are very proud of St Joseph's and all it achieves for the children in our care. So we are pleased that Ofsted agree with us about what a special place it is. Three 'Outstanding' gradings out of five is an immense achievement and it is a pleasure to read the highly positive comments in the report about our staff, environment, safeguarding, leadership and outcomes. We are confident that our foundation subject curriculum plans are solid and will be bedded in over the next few years.

There has been much in the news recently about the Ofsted process and the stress it puts on staff. St Joseph's has a strong, resilient and courageous team of staff and leaders and a supportive community; nevertheless the process was indeed pretty hard and stressful.

So, thank you and well done:-

- To our children. We absolutely could not have asked for better ambassadors. The inspectors were very impressed by your behaviour, your kindness and your enthusiasm for your lessons. Special thanks to any children who were selected by the inspectors to speak to them – you all did superbly well even when you were nervous (we were all nervous too!).
- To our parents, families and community. For your support, kind words and prayers, for filling in the Parent View (despite having only just done a survey a couple of weeks before!), for helping your children understand Ofsted, and for choosing the school in the first place.
- To all our staff. Our amazing, wonderful, caring team who work so hard every day and went above-and-beyond to make sure Ofsted had an opportunity to see everything we have to offer.
- To Mrs Walker. Although she has a fabulous team around her, the heaviest burden of an Ofsted inspection rests with the headteacher. We don't very often get a chance to publicly say how much we value her work and the high standards she undergirds, and models, but we very much do appreciate her and what she does. We believe that this Ofsted review, representing great steps forward since the last one in 2018, is a testament to her outstanding leadership. She is to be heartily congratulated, and we are grateful for all the love and energy she has put in to the school over the past 10 years.

With very best wishes

St Joseph's Local Governing Committee

