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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our OFSTED report for the school has now been published. I am including a paper copy for your personal use. The report will go live on the OFSTED website next week, but it is released to the school and its stakeholders 5 days before.

Our report reflects the school very well. The inspector, Jason Edge HMI, recognised all the wonderful things that St Mary's does. He was very complimentary about our school, even saying that it is a **'fantastic school and that we must be proud'**. He fully recognised the lengths we go to ensure the **'children are well cared for and looked after'**. He states that the **'excellent pastoral support'** from every member of the staff team, particularly the Pastoral team **'helps pupils to be happy and enjoy school'**.

The inspector also recognised the **'high expectations for all pupils, including disadvantaged and SEND'**, the **'removal of barriers to learning so pupils with SEND can learn well'**. He went on to say that the school's **'curriculum has been refined and improved'** and **'is a main driver for maintaining strong outcomes and performance'**.

There are many comments in the report that showcase the amazing work that all the team do at St Mary's, from expert leadership for the school and for subjects, to the teaching of Early reading and the teaching of other subjects. Our early years provision was recognised as providing a **'wonderful start to the children's education'** with a **'strong emphasis on supporting children to become independent'**.

There is further work to do, which has already been identified on our school improvement journey this year. The next steps and targets are:

For all pupils to be able to discuss their learning confidently; recalling prior learning.

For all teachers to move children on quickly during their learning to extend their knowledge fully.

As it is stated in the report, this is a point in time evaluation.

As you can imagine, we are all delighted with the report at school level, our Governors and the Plymouth CAST Trust and that the school has maintained its **'Good'** standard and outcome and we are excited to share the outcome with you and the children.

Thank you for your continued support,

With warmest wishes from all the team at St Mary's and Governors,

Alison McDonald

Alison McDonald, Headteacher

