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To all parents / carers of children at St Joseph Catholic Primary School

January 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School OfSTED Inspection December 2017.

On behalf of the Education Service may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy New Year and every happiness and blessings for the year ahead.

You are now in possession of the OfSTED Report for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. I wish to assure you that the Education Service has full confidence in Dr Lane and the Governing Body to address the issues that have been highlighted in this Report. The Education Service will support the team to ensure that the very best outcomes are achieved by all students at the school. Dr Lane, the governors and I have met to discuss what the school needs to do to achieve excellence. This report agrees with his own assessments and systems have been put in place to address concerns.

This is the first report on the recently combined infant and junior schools and the issues that have arisen since amalgamation are known to the Education Service and the Local Authority and action has been taken. We are fortunate that the school now has a governing body praised by the recent inspection:

"The governing body has taken important steps to remedy previous instability and steer the school towards the right direction. As a result, leaders and governors are suitably experienced and knowledgeable in securing further improvements." OFSTED report December 2017

We have total confidence in the inspirational leadership of the Interim Executive Headteacher, Dr James Lane. He is transforming the school:

"The recent appointment of a motivational interim executive headteacher has already led to several improvements. He has empowered determined senior leaders to begin making positive differences in their areas of responsibility. They are given strategic direction for school priorities through 'motivation meetings'. Staff morale has improved and they feel well supported." OFSTED report December 2017

The strength of the leadership and governance of the school, the hard work of the teachers, and the good personal development, welfare and behaviour of the pupils (highlighted in the report) makes this report a cause for optimism about the future progress and development of your child's school.

I would urge you to get behind all the wonderful things that St Joseph's is doing in order to ensure that every child has the very best educational start in life. If you have any additional concerns, I am

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confident that you will find that the Headteacher and the governors will be more than happy to discuss these with you.

Dr Lane and his team will have our full support to ensure every child can reach their full potential.

Thank you for your support of the school and for Catholic education.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Morrison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J P Morrison
Director of Education