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St Theresa's 2015 Ofsted Report: Good

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to advise you of the judgement that we have been awarded by Ofsted following the inspection that took place on 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July.

This very positive outcome (the details of which can be found in the enclosed report) confirms that in the very short time since our last inspection (October 2014) all the negative findings of the last report relating to 'safeguarding' and the 'challenge of the more able' have been addressed by the school.

This is a very significant achievement. Very few schools have the resources and resilience to be awarded a judgement of 'good' less than a year after a judgement of 'serious weaknesses'. We set out this intention in the final paragraph of the letter I wrote to you on 15/12/14 after our last inspection. Our response to the last inspection – of challenging and supporting each other – has resulted in this excellent outcome.

The stars of the year are the children. Their behaviour during the inspection was phenomenal (especially with temperatures approaching 35°C). By being the stars that they are they connected with the inspectors - the lead inspector became very animated when she described to us some of the encounters that she had with the children during the inspection. Your children, the children of St Theresa's, are simply awesome.

The staff are tremendous role models for the children. They are tireless in their commitment to providing the children with the best possible start to their education. It has been a very challenging year – in addition to serial Ofsted inspections and Local Authority reviews the staff have successfully embedded the new national curriculum. The summer holidays have arrived on cue – I hope they will now be all the more enjoyable.

The leadership team have taken the brunt of the pressure this year - they have all been remarkable servants of the school. The school, led by Miss Kelly, has set out her expectation that the school will meet the very highest standards - this report is testimony to how much has already been achieved.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I extend to Miss Kelly, and her team, our heartfelt gratitude. I would also like to congratulate everyone, including my fellow Governors, on a difficult job, well done.

Finally, I would like to thank the rest of the school community for the tremendous support that you have given to the school. I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely

Dr Peter Carroll  
Chair of Governors

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