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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased that we have been able to share with you today, at last, our Ofsted inspection report. It has been a strange few months since our inspection where the leadership team have known the outcome but been unable to share with our community.

The publication of the report has been delayed due to the fact that we made a formal complaint about the way the inspection was conducted and the overall effectiveness rating of the school. The complaint did not result in any changes to our inspection report.

Although we are shocked and disappointed by the overall effectiveness grade given and do not believe those two words are an accurate or helpful description for what is clearly a highly effective school and nursery, we hope it reassures you that the actual inspection report and grading of individual areas are extremely positive.

It is difficult to pick out particular phrases as the majority of the report is so positive but a few that we are particularly proud of include:

- *Leaders have created a deeply inclusive and welcoming community where bullying is not tolerated.*
- *Teachers make sure that lessons are interesting and explain key ideas clearly.*
- *Rich experiences help pupils to develop their gifts and talents.*
- *Pupils behave exceptionally well throughout the day.*
- *Throughout the school, pupils listen carefully to the thoughts and opinions of others and cherish the increasing diversity of the school community. They are inspired by 'Catholic Social Teaching' to undertake acts of service, for example through collecting resources to support those in the community who are homeless.*
- *Leaders have adopted a well-sequenced curriculum. They have identified the most important knowledge that pupils need to remember.*
- *Pupils consistently demonstrate empathy. They understand that some of their classmates have different needs. Pupils actively support each other to do well.*
- *The way that pupils' character is developed is exemplary. Staff are passionate about the way in which they provide opportunities for all, regardless of background, SEND or any other factor*
- *A well-considered curriculum means pupils learn how to keep safe.*

Throughout the two-day inspection, the team made many comments to us about the warm and respectful interactions between staff and children and the exemplary way we develop the children's character and



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behaviour and attitudes. We made it clear that this is a result of the strong partnerships we have with our amazingly supportive parents and wider community.

The inspection team remarked that responses to the Ofsted Parent View survey were some of the most positive they had encountered. They commented specifically on the many 'glowing' open-text responses. We thank those of you who took the time to complete the survey. Although the comments are not made available to the school to view, your support means a huge amount to the St Edmund Campion Team. The child and staff responses mirrored the positivity of the parent survey.

I am sure you have some questions relating to key aspects of improvement mentioned in the report so I provide some additional detail below.

Governance

You will read in the letter from the Trust Board and Local Governing Board that issues raised by Ofsted are being addressed. I can assure you that Mrs Rennicks, Chair of Trust Board, has taken a considerable amount of time to get to know the school and nursery at St Edmund Campion during her time in post and we have appreciated her expertise and support over the last few months.

We are pleased that the efforts of the Local Governing Body were recognised as a strength in the report. Their vision and strategic focus have led to many of the improvements we have been able to implement at St Edmund Campion over the years.

Safeguarding

The perceived weaknesses in this area were all addressed on the day. The inspection report (and subsequent safeguarding audit) confirm this.

EYFS

We accept the good judgement in this area. Our own school development plan identifies sequencing of the foundation subjects, including computing, as an area for development across nursery and reception. The team have been focusing on delivering the seven areas of learning through play in the newly developed outdoor environment. We are delighted with the impact of the team's hard work in this area.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions about the inspection report, I ask that you please direct them to me through this specific email address: ofsted@st-edmund.org.uk rather than contacting individual teachers or year groups.

As you can imagine, the last few months have been challenging for the St Edmund Campion community. At all times, we have taken great strength from our mission statement 'God is at the centre of everything we do', and great joy and delight in your children, who have kept us focused on what is truly important.

Yours sincerely,
Jennifer Camp-Overy
Headteacher

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