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'Good School' Ofsted Rating – 20th & 21st September 2016

Dear Parent,

It is with great delight that I can inform you of the now published recent Ofsted rating for our school. As you will be aware there was an Ofsted Inspection at the school on 20th – 21st October 2016 and I am very pleased to attach the Ofsted Report on the school's performance following this. I am proud of our school and very pleased that the Ofsted Inspection recognised the school's many strengths.

The Inspection is based on our own self-evaluation, the school's results over the past three years and the evidence that the inspector gathered during her two days in the school. Please do take the time to read the full report sent with this letter. It will be published on the Ofsted website from 17th October.

The inspection concluded that:-

- Sutton St James CP School is a warm and friendly school and the school's commitment as 'a community developing everyone's potential' underpins the fully inclusive ethos.
- The school's work to promote pupils personal development and welfare is **outstanding**. Each child is known and valued as a unique individual. The school places great importance on pupils' health and emotional well-being. Pupils know how to keep themselves safe and show great care and concern for each other. Older pupils provide excellent role models for the younger ones and willingly embrace additional responsibilities. Behaviour is good and pupils have positive attitudes to learning and show their enjoyment when coming to school.
- Overall pupils make **good** progress through each Key Stage. Standards have risen. Successful recruitment, good support and secure performance management has led to the rise in the quality of teaching which is now good across the school.
- Early years is well led and managed with teaching being typically at least **good** and adults' use of resources captures children's interests.
- Communications with parents is **good**. They are actively involved in events and make a strong contribution to the life of the school.
- Governors are highly effective in steering school improvements and are often seen in school.

I would like to thank all the parents and carers who have provided feedback, both through the Parent View Survey during the Inspection and also through our annual Parent Questionnaires. The views you express are very valuable in helping us to know what we are doing well and

where we need to improve. Your support is very much appreciated, we will continue to endeavour to work in partnership with you to do the very best that we can for your children and thank you for your continuing support.

Having been graded Requires Improvement for the last 10 years we are proud that the hard work and dedication to move the school forward from our current team has been rewarded with the acknowledgement it deserves. Their hard work and dedication is very much appreciated by myself and the Governors of the school. It is a pleasure to work with every one of them. It has been a real team effort with everybody having a part to play in moving the school to become the 'good' school that it is now recognised as being.

Lastly I would like to thank the children who are an absolute credit to the school. The school would not be the great place it is without them!

I am very proud to be Headteacher at Sutton St James School, to work with the fantastic team of staff that I have and to be blessed with the keen, enthusiastic and delightful children that I have great pleasure in working with every day!

Yours sincerely,

C Willows

Miss C Willows
Headteacher