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Dear Marilyn

I write on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Education to formally congratulate you, your staff, pupils and the Governing Body following the recent Ofsted inspection at your school.

It was great to see so many positive comments throughout the report. The outcome shows very clearly just how good a school St Mark's is. From the powerful first paragraph, it is clear that you all make a huge difference to all the children in your school.

Such a positive report would be an achievement to be celebrated in 'normal' times but, given the serious disruption all schools have faced over the last three years, your achievements are especially commendable. I am delighted that your individual and collective effort has been recognised and appreciated this way.

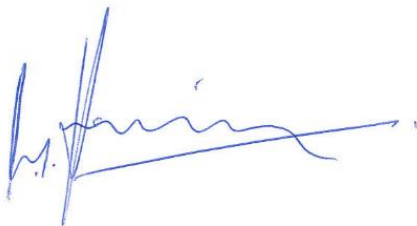
I was particularly pleased that your consideration for the children's wider development was acknowledged and that the children's appreciation of equality and different cultures was also highlighted. The children's understanding of diversity and tolerance, really is something you should be proud of.

Your success reflects well upon Church schools and demonstrates how Christian values give strength through the most difficult times.

I do hope that you and your colleagues have found time to reflect on this outcome and are extremely proud that the work you do has been so clearly endorsed.

Please pass on my congratulations to your staff team and governors, and thank them for all that they do.

With my very best wishes and every blessing,



Stuart Harrison
Director of Education