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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below details of our recent Ofsted monitoring visit conducted by Her Majesty's Inspector, Hazel Henson, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019. This monitoring visit was designed to challenge and support the school following the 'requires improvement' judgements in the latest full inspections.

During such visits, the inspector makes a single judgement stating whether or not senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement.

**I am pleased to say that Her Majesty's Inspector found us to be taking effective action.**

This judgement recognises the hard work of staff and governors since the last inspection and the steps taken to improve the outcomes for all pupils. I hope you will read the entire report (please see attached), but for us the highlights are as follows:

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'Leaders have raised expectations of what pupils can achieve. They have identified areas for improvement and have written a plan with appropriate milestones, indicating who will check that improvements have been made and when they will do this.'

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'Teachers have ensured that pupils have many interesting opportunities to write at length in different subjects. Pupils have risen to the challenge and their writing has shown strong signs of improvement.'

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'Leaders have established a consistent approach to the teaching of mathematics. Successful training has improved teachers' subject knowledge. Opportunities for pupils to deepen their knowledge are now more evident and pupils can explain their thinking more clearly.'

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I hope you will agree that the Ofsted report gives a strong message about the progress the school has made since the last inspection. Swineshead St Mary's is fully committed to ensuring each and every pupil in the school has the best possible opportunity to reach their full potential. We will therefore use the lessons learned from this monitoring visit to inform our ongoing drive for rapid school improvement.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

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