

16th March 2016

Dear Parents

Re: Independent Schools Inspectorate Report

Further to our recent inspection, I am pleased to inform you that all the outstanding development points identified within it have now been completed.

A copy of the action plan (available on the school website), together with supporting documentary and photographic evidence has been submitted to the DfE for approval and we are expecting their response within the next 6 weeks.

As you are aware, technical errors in the way our staff police checks were recorded were rectified either during the inspection or in the days that followed; but additional fire bells to the outside of the gym and electrical testing have taken slightly longer due to the need to obtain quotes and schedule the work.

Whilst we felt that some of the findings of the inspectorate were unfair or even unjustified (our existing fire safety arrangements had been previously approved by a qualified Fire Officer!), we did feel it prudent to take on board the advice to ensure St Joseph's continued to meet the regulations and remain fully compliant with existing legislation.

I will of course write to you again when we have received a response from the DfE although in the meantime, please rest assured that the safety, care and quality of education at St Joseph's remains second to none and that the wellbeing of the children in our care remains of paramount importance.

Yours Sincerely

Mr A E Crawshaw

Head Teacher