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Dear Parents, staff, governors and friends of St Thomas' School,

As chair of governors, I am delighted that the Ofsted inspector's letter outlining her findings has now been formally published and we can congratulate Mrs. Gilmour, her staff and all the children on an excellent result. We knew already that St. Thomas' is a good school, but it is always reassuring when an official inspection comes to the same conclusion. For myself I am particularly pleased that the inclusive nature of the school has been recognised and applauded, as has its culture of kindness and care for others and the support offered to individual children and families going through difficult times.

Of course there are things which can be improved. It would be remarkable if that were not so. Indeed I recently remarked at a meeting that a school improvement plan should, in a sense always be a work in progress. However I am very pleased and proud that the inspector has recognised both the good education we currently offer the children in our care and the steps we are making to ensure that that education continues to improve.

Taken in conjunction with the "Outstanding" verdict delivered by the SIAMS inspection of 2017, this inspection confirms that one can be both a school that maintains high academic standards and a caring and inclusive school where children learn to live out the message of the Gospel.

Once again can I thank Mrs. Gilmour, all the staff and my fellow governors for all the hard work they put in to make St Thomas' the school that it is. I congratulate them and all the children on the result of this inspection.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher M. Scargill