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Dear Parents,

RE: Ofsted Report on Safeguarding

Shortly before the Christmas break, St Michael's had an Ofsted Inspection of its Safeguarding provision, the report is now available and I have emailed it to you along with this letter.

The key message from this inspection is that at St Michael's: **"Safeguarding is effective"**. This kind of inspection determines only whether Safeguarding is effective or not. The inspectors looked at Safeguarding, the wellbeing of students and aspects of Leadership which impact those areas. St Michael's was judged "Outstanding" at its previous inspection and this remains the school's Ofsted grading.

This is a very positive report, I am particularly pleased that our commitment to the wellbeing of our students has been fully recognised: **"Leaders are highly considerate of pupils' well-being"**. In addition, a caring school is one whereby students feel they can bring their worries to school staff, the report says: **"Pupils who spoke to inspectors were very confident that there are adults in the school they would go to if they had any worries, and that they would receive help to resolve their concerns."** Inspectors also praised the work done by school governors in ensuring students are safe.

As a school, we are always eager to do better and learn from feedback. This report identifies two areas to improve – both of which we have already begun to action. One is to provide more information to our KS3 students and families with regards to sources of additional support (for example the 'Advice to parents for lockdown wellbeing' sent out last week). The other is to improve our Safeguarding filing system and processes – we have bought in a specialist software package and will be implementing this next week.

Our school was founded by the Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus, their founder, the Blessed Clara Fey dedicated her life to looking after children, providing them with security and education. I hope this report gives you confidence that St Michael's remains faithful to its foundation and prioritises the safety and wellbeing of your child.

With best wishes,

Michael Stimpson

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