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REPORT ON THE MONITORING INSPECTION OF OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS

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St John's maintains its outstanding status through its extremely dedicated leadership team, which is constantly seeking ways to improve the outcomes for all pupils. Since the last inspection, monitoring and assessment procedures have been strengthened to ensure that there is greater challenge for all pupils. Consequently, more children are achieving the higher levels of attainment in Religious Education. The senior management team ensure that assessment in Religious Education is in line with all assessment procedures throughout the school.

Central to the school's success is the way the Mission Statement underpins the life of the school and the high quality of welcome extended to families of different faith backgrounds. Children and parents are extremely appreciative of this welcome and they are fully supportive of the Catholic ethos of the school.

The learning walk undertaken in the monitoring visit supported the school's own assessment of teaching and learning through the school. There was a very good range of teaching styles and good progression from year group to year group. Excellent resources were used very effectively to support pupil learning. Teaching and learning outcomes are good and outstanding.

The school has a very well established Fairtrade project and an active and very effective "MinieVinnies" group. This is playing a significant part in developing children's independence in their own spiritual journey. The children are extremely well-motivated and confident in leading their own liturgies. Through the "MinieVinnies" they are also very well placed to respond to the wider needs of the school community. The school is highly committed to developing its involvement in the local community and has very strong links to a school in Africa. There is an exemplary and well-developed approach to *FreeTrade*. The school community is rightly proud of these links and they have a tangible impact on the faith development of the children. The school's Mission Statement is a living reality and evident to all who enter this community.

In summary, St. John's continues to be outstanding because it continues to drive standards upwards but always with an emphasis on the school's Catholic mission and the central role it plays within the Bridgnorth and wider community.

Outcomes for Pupils:

The children have an excellent understanding of their Mission Statement and how this is to be lived out day to day in their school, the local and the global community. This is exemplified in their commitment to fair trade and the work of the mini Vinnies.

Leaders and Managers:

Senior leaders and governors are acutely aware of their mission and offer strong mutual support to promote the Catholic ethos of the school.

Provision:

Excellent monitoring and assessment systems support the school in the drive to achieve ever higher standards in Religious Education.