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To all Parents/Carers of pupils at St Eugene's

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you as the Chair of the Governing Body to give you an overview of how the school is doing and to update you on a few matters that I hope are of interest. After many years as Vice Chair at one of our partnership schools, Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Camden, I am delighted to be appointed the new Chair at St Eugene's. I very much look forward to working with Mrs Jackson, Mrs Smith and the staff and governors here at St Eugene's and getting to know this very successful primary school.

Pupil achievement

I am very pleased to let you know that during the academic year 2017/18 our Y6 children made exceptional **progress** in reading, writing and maths when compared to pupils nationally. We were also pleased to note many children **achieving** at higher than expected levels for their age group, showing that pupils who are capable of higher attainment are being developed to their potential in our school.

We are pleased to share with you the view of the Primary Consultant from Camden Learning, who regularly visits the school, that they agree that the overall effectiveness of the school continues to be Outstanding. Academic achievement is just one part of the rich Catholic education available to all pupils at St Eugene's.

Congratulations to the staff of St Eugene's who made this possible and to the children themselves who worked so hard to achieve these great results. Thank you also to parents who made sure that the children were well prepared for school each day.

Our senior leadership team and staff

You will be aware that our school is part of a now well established Partnership of four primaries comprising Our Lady's and St Michael's in Camden along with our neighbour, St Mary's, all under the leadership of our Executive Head-teacher Mrs Jackson. Under Mrs Jackson and Head of School Mrs Smith I am sure you will agree that our school continues to thrive.

On behalf of us all I would like to express our thanks to them for their professionalism and dedication to the school and the flourishing of our children. The success of our school is also, of course, a clear reflection of the **hard work of all of our staff** and I am sure that you will want to join me in thanking them as well.

New teachers

Many of you will have noticed that we have a number of new teachers this year, which is inevitable in a central London school. As you know, teachers are able to stay for a few years until they want to buy a property and are then forced to move outside of London in order to be able to afford a home. We are very lucky that unlike most schools in the local area we can recruit new teachers from our partnership schools who are, therefore, already familiar with our high standards and processes. We also manage to attract other well qualified teachers because of our good reputation. In this way we ensure that the high standard of teaching at St Eugene's will continue.

Warm regards

Angela Docherty

Chair of Governors