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OFSTED Inspection – 19th March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to be able to share with you the report from our recent OFSTED Inspection conducted on 19th March 2019.

The key headline judgements from the report are that **'This school continues to be good'** and **'Safeguarding is effective.'** As the inspection was a one-day short inspection carried out following the school being judged to be 'Good' in all areas in June 2015, it could not increase the school's grading, but could – if it had converted to a second day – have reduced the school's grading.

Some schools which receive the headline **'This school continues to be good'** based on a one-day inspection also receive a qualifying statement in their report which says that OFSTED has identified priorities for improvement which need to be addressed and that the school's next inspection will be a full section 5 inspection. Such a comment indicates that the school is not securely 'Good' in OFSTED's view and that more detailed scrutiny, through a two-day full inspection, is needed within two years. I am delighted that our report does not contain any such qualification and that parents can be reassured that their children are attending a school which is judged securely as 'Good' with no requirement for an early re-inspection.

The report contains many positive comments, as indicated by the sample included below:

'The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection.'

'You and your leaders share a determination to improve the quality of education at Sir William Robertson Academy and have a committed staff team. A good sign that your leadership has had an impact is the increased popularity of the school.'

'Your self-evaluation is detailed, honest and accurate. Your plans to address the areas that need to improve are clear and appropriate.'

'Trustees and members of the local governing body are supporting leaders to improve the school well. They offer a diverse range of skills and bring a range of expertise to the school.'

'Pupils behave respectfully and conduct themselves well. Pupils spoken to said this was typical.'

'Pupils were polite and well-mannered. Teachers and pupils have positive relationships. As a result, pupils behave well and demonstrate positive attitudes to learning in lessons.'

'Pupils readily follow instructions and lessons flow without disruption.'

'A strong culture of safeguarding exists in the school.'

'Pupils are safe and cared for well. Parents and pupils agree that the school is a safe place.'





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‘Provision for pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is a strength and these pupils make good progress.’

The Lead Inspector was impressed by the high number and positive nature of the comments submitted through OFSTED’s ParentView website. Parents can see a summary of these responses at the following web address:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/126805/current>

It is highly gratifying for everyone in school to learn that 94% of parents feel that their children are taught well in the school, 94% of parents said their child was happy at this school and that 93% of parents would recommend this school to another parent.

I should like to thank all parents for their on-going support of the school. Please be assured that while we are happy that the ‘Good’ judgement validates the work that we are already doing in school, we are fully committed to addressing the areas which we need to fulfil in order to be graded as ‘Outstanding.’

Yours sincerely,

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