



27 February 2018

Head of School: Mrs J Cutler BA (Hons) PGCE

Dear parent/carer

**"You have a lovely school ... Your children love being here; your staff love being here" \***

We have pleasure in attaching the report from our Ofsted inspection on 7 February 2018.

We are pleased that our inspector confirmed that we are not only "clearly still a Good school" but that we are "a stronger school than five years ago" at our previous inspection.

Schools judged Good by Ofsted at their most recent inspection (for us, November 2013) are currently subject to a 1-day visit to confirm whether the school remains Good. These 1-day inspections cannot change the grade of the school up or down.

The key lines of inquiry identified by our inspector matched what we have already identified in our self-evaluation and begun addressing in our improvement plans.

Our inspector not only acknowledged that "reading is remarkable" at Thomas Coram – "an enviable culture" has been created – but also praised our school for the steps taken to improve the quality of writing. It was noted that "pupils' vocabulary is stunning".

Leadership and management (the key focus for these one-day inspections) was also noted as a strong feature, describing us as "a really, very well-run school" with governors who are "thorough and meticulous but proportionate" in their approach. Parents and staff supported this view with the Ofsted online surveys showing 100% of staff and 98% of parents – noted by our inspector as "remarkably high" – agreeing that our school is well led and managed.

We have always said that relationships and culture are crucially important. It was pleasing to note the quality of relationships as a key feature of our school, creating a family that always wants to be better! Our "enviable culture of continuous improvement" was also praised.

Thank you for your ongoing contribution and role in making Thomas Coram the special place it is, and particularly to those parents who took time to complete the online Ofsted ParentView survey and/or speak to the inspector himself.

**"Thomas Coram would be proud of the young people you turn out by the age of 11."**

Thomas Coram was determined to give young people the very best start in life and chances for the future, campaigning for 17 years to make a reality what he knew to be right: **it's that passion that still drives what we try to achieve every day.**

Well done to Mrs Cutler, all our pupils, our governors, and to our whole staff team.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Halls  
Executive Headteacher

\*All quotes herein are from Paul Brooker, HMI, in his verbal feedback to governors and the senior leadership team.