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Dear Joan

School Standards Service

Local Authority Adviser allocation and Categorisation of Schools 2016-17

I hope the new term has started well at St Mary's Primary and that you have settled in. It was good to see you at the new headteachers' meeting. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you over the coming school year.

Children's Services is committed to supporting your ambitions for providing the highest quality education in your school and to ensuring you have access to our statutory and core funded services and additional discretionary 'buy back' services that you can tailor to your particular needs. This letter is to confirm your lead adviser from the school standards service and your 'core' level of centrally resourced school improvement support, in line with the local framework for school improvement.

As a school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea you will have support from our highly experienced school improvement officers and will be allocated a lead adviser from this team. The lead adviser will be your main point of contact and will be available to discuss your priorities for the year ahead and how you wish to use your core support and any additional 'buy back' support from the school improvement service level agreement.

I am pleased to confirm that the Lead Adviser contact for St Mary's Catholic Primary School in 2016-17 is Lucy Nutt.

Alongside the Local Authority's statutory duties to all schools there is a need to differentiate the levels of our centrally resourced support and target these resources according to needs. The levels of local authority support and monitoring are differentiated according to the criteria and categories in the latest local framework for school improvement, which is attached to this letter. In the framework there are three categories of school support based on an evaluation of the criteria and school performance: core programme/'light touch', additional support and monitoring and schools causing concern/statutory intervention.

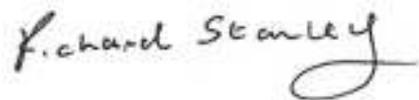
Recognising the progress that has been made since the Ofsted inspection and the strengths in the school's outcomes, St Mary's Catholic Primary School has been re-categorised this year for **core programme / light touch support and monitoring** with a local evaluation of good. Lucy will discuss with you how you want to use your core programme, along with any other support you are accessing through the Service Level Agreements.

We will be reviewing the categories on a termly basis and in response to Ofsted inspection outcomes.

A copy of this letter has been sent to your Chair of Governors. I would be grateful if you would share it with your governing body. We will be informing the Diocese of the outcomes of the Local Authority's categorisation.

I would like to wish you, your staff and pupils all the very best for the school year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Stanley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'y' at the end.

Richard Stanley
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cc Chair of Governors

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