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Dear Parent/s

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We are always striving to further improve our provision at St Johns School; to this end we have recently contacted you by email or text to ask if you would complete our 2016 Parent Survey. If you have already completed this, thank you for your feedback. There is still time to do so and if for some reason you did not receive the text or email, with the link to the survey, please contact alkerr@stjohnsschoolcyprus.com.

We take all feedback very seriously and view it as an opportunity to reflect and further improve our provision. I have included below some information that shows how we have used your feedback so far.

I am delighted that 92% of parents who answered agreed or strongly agreed that their child is well taught at St John's and over 97% of those who answered felt their child was happy, safe and well looked after.

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You wanted reports about your child's progress with more than one written comment per year.	We now send home three written reports per year. Alex Kerr (Assistant Principal) has overhauled our reporting system to ensure you get timely, useful and easy to understand reports.
You wanted to meet tutors and subject teachers at parents' afternoons.	We now offer an initial 'settling in' meeting with the tutor and subsequent parents meetings with subject teachers.
You said the new schools skirts are too short.	We had already identified this issue and the supplier quickly made a new longer batch of skirts. Parents can swap the old ones for new at no cost.
You said home – school communication could be further improved.	We have set up Facebook and twitter feeds and new websites as well as the new parental text service. We have also issued all staff with a 'communications protocol' that makes clear our expectations.
You said that the quality of teaching is very good but in some areas could be strengthened.	We have created a new post; Vice Principal for Teaching & Learning; Laura Massey has worked tirelessly with the Learning, Innovation and Teaching Teams at both schools to improve staff training and share best practice. This work was recently praised by our new Link Inspector (Judith Rundle ex-HMI).



You raised some concerns relating to the small size of our 6 th Forms and opportunities for post-16 students.	We have appointed new Heads of 6 th Forms at both schools and have increased the number of qualifications on offer (such as Chartered Management Institute and Extended Project Qualification) and extra-curricular activities (such as Model United Nations).
	We are in the process of fully refurbishing the 6 th Form Study Rooms at both schools. The 6 th Form Common Room at SJS has been refurbished and we are beginning to work with the students at KRS to refresh their Common Room. All 6 th Form students at both schools have been issued with school iPads to help them with their studies.
You were concerned that because of our small numbers of students that there were not enough sporting opportunities.	We now have fixtures with International schools such as Heritage, Foley's and the International School of Paphos and we will be playing in Cypriot Football and Cricket school leagues. Additionally, the PE departments at KRS and SJS are working jointly to further expand sporting opportunities. For example; Hockey Festival, Girls and Boys football and a new joint sports day.

Yours faithfully

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