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Dear Parents,

It has come to our attention that there has been some concern from parents regarding the recently published results for Key Stage 2 in 2018.

Parents will have noticed that there are no results for Mathematics for 2018. These were annulled following an investigation carried out by the Standards and Testing Authority. The investigation showed that the integrity of these test papers was not secure.

To that end, the Governors along with the current Senior Leadership Team have worked tirelessly to ensure that the necessary interventions are now in place to ensure that this never happens again. External validation and moderation have now been implemented at many levels, making both staff and Governors more accountable to you as parents and of course to our pupils.

The School results have historically compared extremely well to other schools both locally and nationally in Performance and League Tables. Outcomes for the School prior to 2018 were very good and you will notice that, in 2018, St. Mark's School achieved standards that are above Government set floor targets for Reading and are above average for Writing. Our predictions for 2019 are also very positive.

We would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that the School is continuing on its improving journey. You have been advised in the School Newsletter since September of the School's priorities and you have been further advised on a half termly basis of the progress made towards these priorities. These valuable sources of information will continue to be distributed to you as Parents so you have a clear picture of your child's School and how we are progressing towards our targets/priorities.

Whilst this communication is coming to you on the last day of the Autumn term, the governing body and the senior leadership team will be available on the first day of term in January should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors

