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Dear Parent / Carer,

You will recall that Barlby High School was inspected towards the end of last year by Ofsted. We have today published the report on the school website. Our Trust's guiding principle is to strive to ensure that the children and young people in each of our schools are given the very best opportunities to thrive and to fulfil their potential. It is therefore very disappointing that Ofsted has judged that Barlby High School is inadequate.

Clearly it is a prerequisite that every child should feel safe in a school, and I would like to apologise personally to you, and your child/ren, that we have not ensured that it is always the case. The health, safety and wellbeing of our students are paramount and I can give you my personal assurance that we are rectifying this situation with the utmost seriousness; that we will always take any reports of bullying exceptionally seriously; and that we will always tackle poor behaviour.

A very important part of this is the action plan that we have drawn up, and which we are already enacting so that we achieve the changes that need to be made as a matter of urgency. This includes the introduction before Christmas of a new executive leadership model for Barlby High School, which means that the school now has additional leadership capacity, expertise and support, with Mr Mulqueen working alongside the schools senior leadership team.

Other changes include:

- Anouska Gardner, our very experienced Trust Inclusion Lead, working alongside the school inclusion team
- The appointment of a new Governing Committee for the school
- The recruitment of additional Behaviour Managers
- The recruitment of a new full-time Support Services Manager

We are already seeing the benefits of these new arrangements and are confident they will contribute strongly to rapid and sustained improvement. Clearly, however, there is more to do and we are committed to making Barlby High School as good as it can be in every area of school life. Finally, I would like to thank you for the support you have given the school – the best way we can drive forward the school's improvement is through the strong partnership between the Trust, the school staff, the students, and their parents and carers, all working together to achieve the same objective.

I would like to invite you to a presentation at the school on **Wednesday 9th February at 6pm** to provide further updates and share our vision for the future. In order to book a seat, please email hello@bhs.hslt.academy or call 01757 706161. I do hope you will be able to attend.

Yours faithfully,



Helen Winn

Chief Executive Officer