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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to update you on the outcome of the school's recent Ofsted monitoring inspection. We are pleased that Ofsted has highlighted a number of key areas where our school is improving. The report also notes the hard work we have done so far, and the progress we are making, to ensure our school is on a strong improvement journey. Please be assured that we will continue to work hard every day to ensure our school is as good as it possibly can be so that your children get the first-class education they deserve.

Improvements highlighted by Ofsted include:

Leadership

- Ofsted highlighted that changes in leadership and the appointments of new parent governors have contributed to the improvements.

Curriculum

- Ofsted said that the "planning and teaching of the curriculum continues to improve" and that the school's leaders have made "significant changes to what will be taught and in what order".
- For example, in science the curriculum is now carefully organised so pupils build on previous learning with planned opportunities for staff to reteach important knowledge over time.
- The report says "leaders have taken account of gaps in pupils' knowledge and skills that developed during the COVID 19 pandemic... staff are working effectively to address" them.
- A dedicated reading programme underlines that improving students' literacy is a priority for the school. Ofsted noted that this programme is having a positive impact.

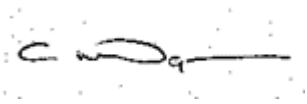
Attendance and Behaviour

- A member of staff to oversee attendance has been appointed and is having an impact.
- Meanwhile Ofsted says that "leaders are taking effective action to improve behaviour at the school" with "a focus placed on enabling pupils to make positive choices about behaviour."
- While the report says that students feel safe at school, it does add that work needs to continue in this area and around behaviour.

Please do let us know if you have any questions about the report – we are confident that we will continue to make the progress we need to drive the school's improvement. We will also continue to keep you updated on the positive changes within our school.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support, understanding and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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