



Dear Parents,







**I would like to share the outcome of a recent Ofsted inspection (March 2022) and some exciting news for our school community.**

**Ofsted Inspection:**

The inspection report recognises the progress made by staff and students in raising both education standards and experience here at Sir William Stanier School.

As we continue to make progress, the school was judged overall to be within the category of 'Requires Improvement'.





The inspectors found many areas of positive progress including:

-  Pupils told inspectors that this is a safe school where all pupils can be happy.
-  Many pupils behave well and show good manners. They concentrate on their work in lessons and do not disrupt the learning of others.
-  Trust representatives and school leaders are determined to provide all pupils, including those with SEND, with a high-quality education so they can thrive.
-  Newly appointed senior leaders and governors have begun to address the weaknesses that have held back pupils' success in the past.
-  Leaders have started to provide pupils with a more ambitious curriculum.
-  The quality of education and pupils' experience of school are improving.

The inspection team reviewed recent improvements in school life and our plans for the future. I am delighted that the Ofsted report recognised the progress our school community has made in the last *6 months*.

Myself, my team, the board of governors and The Learning Alliance Trust are committed to creating a vibrant, aspirational school community for our staff and students. We will continue to raise standards in curriculum design, in the classroom and to ensure that learning is appropriate for students' developing needs.

Our school strategic priority areas remain:

-  To continue to ensure that SWS is a safe place for all students.
-  To promote the need for excellent attendance for all students.
-  To model and reward the best behaviours in the school.
-  To develop an innovative Curriculum that meets the needs of all learners and prepares them for the digital world.



We have not stopped working on any of those strategic priorities before, during and after the inspection in March.

During the summer term we are focused on enhancing our curriculum ready for next academic year. Including the introduction of new subjects such as Health and Social Care, Psychology, Photography and Media.

In addition, I have restructured the Senior Leadership Team and increased capacity in support teams. Together we are persistent, insistent and consistent in the drive for excellence in standards and expectations.

You can find a full copy of the Ofsted report on our website. <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/139953>  
Alternatively, you can ask reception for a printed copy.

#### **Parental Survey:**

We have had some big changes in the school since my arrival. Big change creates big opportunities! As we continue to realise a new and inspiring vision for our school community, we are considering changing the name of our school.

Your views on this decision are important. As such, I invite you share your views in this short survey before 1pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022: <https://kwiksurveys.com/s/7xpZF429>

A new school name represents a significant milestone in our evolving journey to raise standards and create a vibrant, aspirational school for our community.

Students will be invited to contribute to the decision making process too, sharing their views on a new school name, logo, school colours and uniform.

If you have any questions for me with regards to the report or the survey, please do contact me at [head@sws.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@sws.cheshire.sch.uk)

Kind Regards,

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