**Date: 14th July 2023**

Dear parents/carers,

I wrote to you earlier this week outlining some of the core changes we have planned for September. I write to you now with news of our recent Ofsted inspection which provides further confirmation of the priorities I have previously shared with you.

The inspection took place on 23rd and 24th May 2023 at a time when I had been in post for 7 working weeks. As you will be aware from national press coverage, Ofsted inspections can be arduous processes for school leaders and the entire school community. Whilst I had hoped for the opportunity to act on priorities I had identified prior to the inspection, I welcomed the process as one to further diagnose the needs of the school moving forward.

The school has now been graded as Requires Improvement in all four areas of inspection.

Inevitably, there are disappointments when reading gradings, however I am assured that appointments made to the leadership team before the inspection and our plans for the future were well in place to address the priorities the inspection team identified. Since the inspection, these priorities have continued to guide our decision making and influence the rapid pace of change we are working at in order to best serve your children. Leaders, teachers and support staff are committed to the school and we all want to see its successes for our young people.

I thank all of our students, families and colleagues who shared their voice and experiences of the school to aid the inspection. Whilst I recognise there will be aspects of the report that you relate to, there may be others that are a surprise. However, I know this report to be a fair reflection of where the school is at this point in time. I also know that the report reflects where the school needs to do better and I know that we have the insight, determination and leadership team in place to achieve that.



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