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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am extremely proud to be writing to you to report that our school has been shortlisted in the Alternative Provision (AP) Team of the Year category of the prestigious national PRUsAP Awards.

The awards, run by the organisation representing AP schools, celebrate those making the biggest positive impact on the lives of young people not in mainstream schools and instead educated in AP education settings.

I would like to extend my congratulations to our fantastic team here at Victory Park, who I am incredibly privileged to work with – and I already know they are the best in the business. They are highly skilled, empathetic and expert, and they give their all every day for our pupils.

However, recognition from our peers of what we do is very special. PRUsAP is as the voice of Alternative Provision so to be shortlisted for such a prestigious award is a fitting tribute to the team and so well-deserved.

The excellence of our dedicated staff team and what they do for the pupils was also highlighted in our latest Ofsted inspection report, which said: "pupils arrive at school having had previous negative experiences of education. Staff quickly get to know what pupils' specific needs are. This helps them to settle into school very well."

The report added: "Staff have high expectations of what pupils can achieve. Pupils rise to these expectations. This helps them to achieve well. Many return to mainstream settings successfully. Some stay at school until the end of Year 11. These pupils gain the qualifications they need to be ready for their next stage of learning."

The efforts of our staff also supported the school to achieve the Optimus Education Excellence in Pupil Development Award last year, which is given to schools that put pupils' personal development at their heart.

Our staff would not be able to achieve such incredible work without our wonderful pupils, who are a credit to themselves and their families.

The winners of the PRUsAP Awards will be announced on 20<sup>th</sup> June. I would like to thank each of you for your continued support of our school and look forward to updating you on the results.

Yours faithfully,

Mr E Muca Headteacher