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Dear Parent / Carer,

## Re: Ofsted Monitoring Report

I am extremely pleased and proud to share with you the school's Ofsted monitoring inspection report from the visit to the school on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.

As you know, the school, was judged to have serious weaknesses following an Ofsted inspection in April 2022.

However, since that time we have made several changes, including the appointment of a new headteacher, chair of governors, pastoral lead, and special educational needs and disabilities coordinator.

The first monitoring inspection since the Ofsted report makes for extremely positive reading, stating that progress is being made with school leaders taking "effective action" to improve behaviour and make pupils feel safe.

The report from the monitoring inspection states: "There is a new focus on enabling pupils to make positive behaviour choices. Staff recognise the improvements in pupils' behaviour and now feel supported by leaders."

The appointment of the new special educational needs and disabilities coordinator is also having a positive impact "resulting in pupils making better progress through the curriculum and incidents of poor behaviour being reduced".

The inspector said governance had been strengthened with effective communication in place since the changes, which included Nicola Bales becoming chair of governors.

The report adds: "Staff said the school is well led by the new headteacher and senior leadership team. They feel leaders are clear about the actions they are taking and why they are needed to improve the school. One member of staff said, "it feels like we are a team again."

I am pleased to report that the staff have put the disappointment of the Ofsted report from last April behind them and have focused on the necessary tasks by making important changes to systems and structures at the school.

The monitoring inspection comes on the back of a very strong set of GCSE/BTEC examination results in the summer and shows clearly that we are on the right track to move the school to a good OFSTED rating as soon as possible. I am grateful to staff, directors, governors, parents, and pupils for supporting us on this upward journey.

This report is very welcome and confirms the progress we are seeing every day in the school. We know there is work still to do, so there is no room for complacency, but it is very reassuring to see that the inspector shares our belief that we are heading in the right direction."

I would also like to state that we could not do what we do without your support and the wonderful children that attend the school. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to visit the school or speak to a member of staff about how we can support your child to further fulfil their potential.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "A Sweeten". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Mrs A. Sweeten

Headteacher