

Our Ref: BSN/KON

March 2014

ALL PARENTS

Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: HMI Monitoring Visit Update

I am writing to you following the school's OFSTED Monitoring Visit on 26 and 27 February 2014. The inspection team looked at all aspects of the school's work since it was placed into Special Measures at the end of the last academic year. The inspectors observed lessons, reviewed pupils' work, held various meetings with post holders in school, spoke to the school's Governors and interviewed a number of pupils.

At this stage of the process the only judgement that the inspectors can make is whether we are making reasonable progress (or not) in the removal of Special Measures. I am pleased to be able to report that in the inspectors' judgement we are making the required amount of progress. I would also like to extend an invitation to you to attend a meeting regarding the work we're doing in school on **Wednesday 30 April 2014 at 6.30pm in the Theatre.**

The Monitoring Visit was a very rigorous but beneficial process. It has confirmed many of the improvements that we believed, as a school, we have made since September and also highlighted where we need to concentrate next. Perhaps the most heartening part of the process was that the inspection team did not tell us anything that we were not already aware of; we had evidence that we knew of the issues and were very much on the case.

Some of the most pleasing aspects included positive comments about:

- ✓ improved quality of teaching;
- ✓ improved behaviour;
- ✓ better leadership at all levels;
- ✓ better Governance.

I have enclosed a copy of the letter for you to read at your leisure. We are obviously pleased with many of the comments but also are very well aware that we are nowhere near where we want to be. The inspector rightly comments that the improvements seen are not yet sustained and that there are areas that still require improvements. We agree with all areas that the inspectors have commented on as they were very much part of our plans. The issues highlighted include:

- ✓ improving Literacy;
- ✓ improving the consistency of marking;
- ✓ further improving behaviour.

We know that we have much to do and will work tirelessly to demonstrate further significant improvements for when OFSTED next visit in the summer term. However, we are far more concerned with the experience that our pupils have every day that they come to school and this is, and will remain, our real focus over the coming months and years.

As always I would like to offer my thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Ben Stitchman
Head Teacher