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Learning for Life

Jonathan Smith, Headteacher

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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that our Ofsted report is now ready for viewing. You can access the report directly from the Ofsted website, as described in their letter, but I have attached a copy to this email as well.

You will see that our overall judgement remains at '**Requires improvement**' (Ri). As you read the report you will see that the thread that connects our two areas of Ri, Outcomes for pupils and Leadership, are the results in year 6. Whilst this is an area that we have made huge progress on, the report recognises that it is still currently below average and therefore they were unable to grade us '**Good**' in either category or overall.

That's tough news when my staff have been working flat out for two years, but... The very good news is we achieved a '**Good**' grade in many of the other areas of the inspection. Personal development and welfare, behaviour, Safeguarding, teaching and learning and early years were all '**Good**'.

Whilst I am disappointed with the overall outcome, we were aware that our current outcomes in year 6 were not sufficiently high enough yet to meet the requirements of a 'Good' grade.

Having said all of this I am so pleased with the transformation of this academy. Reading the report it is clear to see that we have made huge positive changes to how we operate and that impressed the inspectors in many ways. We have all climbed a mountain over this past two years, focussing on improving everything! Now we get to hone our attention and focus on a small number of areas that will then ensure our overall '**Good**' grade next time.

We have arranged a meeting to feedback to you more directly on **Tuesday 12th June at 7pm**. Childcare will be available at STAR club on that night if you should need it.

Please complete the form at the bottom of this page with any questions you may have for us from the report and we will be sharing the details of our improvement plan on the night.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Smith
Headteacher



Ofsted Feedback Meeting 12th June 2018 at 7pm

Any Questions: -

Child Name _____ Class _____

I / we will be attending the Ofsted Feedback Meeting on 12th June 2018 at 7pm.

Parents Name _____

