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Dear Parents

As a result of our recent Ofsted Inspection we have written an action plan with two priorities which form the key basis of the school's work over the next year. Please be assured that although there has been a delay with producing the official plan and circulating it to parents, the school (staff and governors) began addressing these items soon after the inspection.

The plan has been prepared with input from staff, governors, our existing school adviser and our new, short term, partnership school. The school as a whole is committed to ensuring these priorities are addressed.

Priority 1

Accelerate further progress in English and Maths and continue to raise the attainment of pupils across the school by ensuring all teaching and learning is consistently good or better.

This will be done by:

- a) Providing timely and effective additional support for all pupils who are at risk of underachieving including those identified with special educational needs
- b) Assessment and questioning will be used more during all lessons so that activities planned are appropriately matched to the needs of the children. Adults will check progress during lessons to ensure children understand the work, how to complete tasks and maintain high levels of engagement and concentration
- How teaching assistants are deployed by teachers during lessons will be changed so they are more effective in supporting the targeted children

Priority 2

Improve the effectiveness of leaders and governors by:

 Strengthening the role of new subject leaders through training and observing best practise at our partnership school so they are more effective in their support and monitoring

- b) Raising attendance through close monitoring of all pupils, putting a new attendance policy in place in line with government recommendations, enhancing our reward system in school, working with the Education Welfare Service to address all attendance less than 95% to put us in line with the national average and working with parents to resolve any issues causing low attendance
- Improving monitoring of governors through training of the whole governing body so that new initiatives quickly lead to improvements in teaching and achievement
- d) Strengthening the provision for improving teaching by sharing good practice with our partnership school and coaching within and beyond school

Areas highlighted by the Inspector are:

- Standards are improving and there is good progress across the school this year
- The school's work to keep pupils safe and secure is good
- The range of experiences at school contributes to pupils spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- The school is using additional funding effectively to support individual pupils
- The school has been active in improving pupils' progress in maths

Actions completed so far:

- · An action plan has been written in view of the recent Ofsted visit
- Adults listening to children in school have received training on questioning and reading for understanding
- Staff have received training on the new calculation initiative
- Governors have carried out a skills audit and have had three training sessions on governance
- Governors have developed a monitoring and visit cycle and have written a vision statement for the school

We would like to thank all parents for your support at this time. We will keep you updated on our progress and actions through another letter towards the end of this academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Avril Moore Headteacher