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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to inform you that, after a period of over four years as an Inadequate school, Central CE Academy is now out of Special Measures.

“The determined efforts of leaders and staff have led to improvements in all areas”

“Pupils are safe and happy. The school is calm. Pupils are sensible, caring and well behaved”

Ofsted March 2019

I would like to thank you all for your support over the last year; for keeping confidence in Central and not removing your children from the school. While we celebrate today, I assure you of my commitment, along with full support of all staff at the academy and the multi-academy trust, to establish Central as an Outstanding school; this is just the start of our exciting journey together.

The recent full Ofsted inspection overall judgement stated, **“This is now not a school in Special Measures”** and raised our grade from Inadequate to a strong Requiring Improvement, and the church SIAMS Inspection a few days later raised our previous grade of Satisfactory to Good.

Ofsted grades four areas when measuring the overall effectiveness of the school. Central was graded Good for ‘Effectiveness of Leadership and Management’ and Good for ‘Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare’. The ‘Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment’ and ‘Outcomes for Pupils’ were, as I expected at this stage, graded as Requiring Improvement. The inspector recognised the strong improvements in these areas and recognised that these improvements need time to become embedded. Our next step is to achieve increasingly strong SATs results and our predictions support this.

The report stated that **“Leaders have successfully improved the quality of teaching”** that the school **“has made good progress since its last inspection”** and **“Leaders have successfully improved the quality of teaching”**.

The report praises the work of the academy trust: **“The multi-academy trust (MAT) has a firm hand on the school and the leadership in the school is now good”**. I was pleased that the much improved behaviour was recognised, **“behaviour is good and has significantly improved. Leaders have a high profile in the school, reinforcing high expectations of behaviour. As a result, pupils are calm in and around the school”**. **“The headteacher, well supported by other leaders, has rekindled the spirit of the school”**.

I was pleased that the report confirmed our findings as a school for future areas for improvement. A copy of the report is attached.

I would like to invite you to a parent meeting where, as previously, Mr Talbot, the multi-academy trust’s CEO, and I will present the Ofsted inspection report, talk about the next steps and be available to answer any questions. These meetings will be held on Wednesday 22 May at 6pm and on Thursday 23 May at 9am.

Yours faithfully

Richard Hall
Headteacher