



Dear Parent/Carer,

I have enclosed a copy of the letter from OFSTED to you as a parent of a child/ children in the Academy. The letter refers to the outcome of a recent inspection of the school on 2nd and 3rd October 2018.

Our last report, in May 2015 judged the academy to be inadequate in all areas resulting in us being placed in 'special measures'. This latest report, despite the disappointing headline, demonstrates our journey of improvement as we have moved from being judged as 'inadequate' in three key categories to 'requires improvement'. The table below compares the headline outcomes between this report and the last:

	4–15 May 2015		2-3 October 2018
Effectiveness of leadership and management	Inadequate	↑	Requires improvement
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	Inadequate	↑	Requires improvement
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Inadequate	↑	Requires improvement
Early years provision	Requires improvement	↔	Requires improvement
Outcomes for pupils	Inadequate	↔	Inadequate
Overall effectiveness	Inadequate (Special measures)	↑	Inadequate (not special measures)

Despite our disappointing overall judgement in 2018, we have not been placed into the 'special measures' category, reflecting OFSTED's judgement that the Leaders within the academy and the Trust, have the capacity and capability to continue our journey of improvement. Prior to OFSTED's arrival we had already begun intensive work to improve outcomes and we are confident that we will achieve significant improvement in 2019 and beyond.

OFSTED confirmed our view that this is "an improving school". The written report contains many positive comments about improvements made. Below are a selection of the many positive findings by the inspection team;

- *This is an improving school. Leaders' actions, including those of the Trust, have successfully improved pupils' behaviour.*
- *The climate in the school is calm, purposeful and conducive to pupils' welfare and learning. Pupils feel safe.*
- *Talented new leaders have brought added capacity to improve the school further. Middle leadership is a developing strength.*
- *The quality of teaching has improved.*
- *The curriculum prepares pupils well for life in modern Britain.*

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- *Many pupils told inspectors of the support and care they receive at school.*
- *The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The designated safeguarding lead has a good knowledge of the issues some pupils may experience. She and the team of mentors are tenacious in ensuring that pupils receive appropriate support and care in a timely manner. This includes support from external agencies when required.*
- *The Principal is highly committed to the school and to the community. He has inspired the loyalty of the staff. There is palpable determination from all to improve the school for pupils.*
- *(Early Years) They find great pleasure and enjoyment in their learning and make good progress*

I was pleased that OFSTED recognised the determination of my staff team to continue improving the school for our pupils. I am very proud to be Principal of the Tudor Grange Samworth Academy and know that if we continue building on the positive improvements we have made over the last three years, our examination results will continue to improve and our OFSTED grading will improve too.

We are using the support of highly regarded school improvement partners within the trust and this provides us with the resource and confidence we need to move forward quickly. OFSTED will re-visit us to ensure that we are on track to make the progress required.

I am confident that the school will continue to make rapid progress over the next academic year. There is no doubt that we will require the support and commitment of parents throughout our journey and I ask for your continued support and welcome your feedback.

I would like to offer to meet any parents who wish to discuss the contents of the report in a meeting at the Academy on Friday 16th November at 9am. Should this prove inconvenient for anyone who wishes to see me individually then please contact my PA, Melanie Fletcher-Warrington, to make an appointment.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Wilkinson

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