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Dear Families

After a long wait, I have received the report following our Ofsted Inspection on 16 and 17 January 2018. The school has been judged overall as requires improvement, which is of course disappointing.

As your newly appointed Acting Headteacher, I have been working hard to address the concerns which were shared with us by Ofsted on 17 January. I have been in consultation with Headteachers from local outstanding schools in order to import tried and tested best practice into our existing school systems as well as teaching and learning. You will already be aware that the behaviour policy has been reviewed to provide a fast track route for disruptive pupils, out of the classroom, into the referral room and on to an instant 45 minute after-school detention overseen by senior staff. The knock-on effect will be that our staff will be able to teach effectively, without interruption, encouraging and challenging pupils to learn and to improve their work. We have had a series of recent teacher training sessions that have been addressing the need for more support and challenge in the classroom.

An external review of pupil premium pupils and governance will be undertaken in order to assess how these may be improved. The new co-chairs of the governing body will be writing to you separately to outline their aspirations for future governance.

However my staff and I have been encouraged by the positive comments to be found throughout the report.

Year 6 parents whose children were offered a place at Teddington on 1 March should feel reassured that pupils have been doing well when they join in Year 7. The transition from primary school to senior school is judged to be well managed at our friendly and welcoming school, where all pupils are well looked after and safeguarded. Pupils who join the school with below average attainment quickly receive effective help to improve their progress. At the upper end of the school, our Sixth Form has been judged good and our students do well in their A level courses.





I know that we can work together to improve outcomes for all our pupils. However we should remember that Teddington's GCSE results in 2017 were pleasing. 81% of our pupils achieved 5 or more GCSEs A*-C, and 66% achieved Grade 5 or above in the new English and Maths GCSEs (B/C). Nearly all of our Year 11 leavers went on to pursue higher education or vocational training.

I would strongly recommend you read the full report which is on the school website. In the next couple of weeks I will be preparing a line-by-line response to the Inspector's comments, detailing the reforms already put in place, and our plans to address the improvements which are needed. Should further questions arise, parents are of course welcome to email me at the school info@teddingtonschool.org. There will be a Parents Forum on 24 April.

I want to thank you for your patience throughout this period. Since joining the school in September, I have been so impressed with the professionalism and dedication of our staff; our students desire to learn and the ambition of parents for their children. All the ingredients are in place to make rapid and significant improvement in all areas of the school.

Yours faithfully

Ms Pacey
Acting Headteacher