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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you today to share a landmark moment – **for the first time in Weston Favell Academy's history, Ofsted has found areas of the Academy to be 'Good'**, including leadership and management, pupils' personal development, behaviour and attitudes and the Academy's sixth form provision. The Academy has never before achieved higher than 'Requires Improvement' in any areas.

Under the leadership of Principal Todd Johnson, who joined in April 2021, the Academy has transformed provision. In the report, the inspector notes that, *"Leaders at the school have changed many things since their arrival. They have engaged with the pupils, parents and the wider community in their work to improve the school."*

We want to thank you for all your support - as the report states, *"Parents also recognise that the school has been improving rapidly recently. As one parent told us, 'All staff are dedicated, and the school is going from strength to strength'"*. We have such a great community here at WFA!

The report also says:

- *"Pupils agree that the school is now more of a community. There are now much better relationships between teachers and pupils than was the case previously. The vast majority of pupils enjoy coming to school and say they feel safe and happy."*
- *"Teachers have high expectations of pupils. Pupils' attitudes to learning are positive."*
- *"The curriculum provides many opportunities to learn about a wide range of subjects."*
- *"The staff know students in the sixth form well. Many students hold positive views on how well the sixth form is preparing them for future success."*
- *"Students in the sixth form benefit from well-developed programmes of study. These not only focus on academic qualifications but also on volunteering and enrichment opportunities. The curriculum is ambitious in the sixth form. Staff support students well in preparing for their next steps."*
- *"Teachers support pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) effectively in lessons. Leaders have ensured that teachers know the needs of pupils and know how to address these needs when teaching them. The SEND co-ordinator monitors how well pupils with SEND achieve and intervenes when they do not. This helps pupils with SEND achieve as well as their peers."*

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Whilst the Quality of Education was judged as 'Requires Improvement', meaning the overall inspection grade is 'Requires Improvement', the findings within the report demonstrate the Academy is on the way up and rapidly improving.

We are thrilled that Ofsted has recognised the huge changes at the Academy. As the report notes, many subjects in our curriculum are already enabling pupils to remember and build upon knowledge. We already have plans in place to achieve this same level of depth in the remaining subjects and are confident we are well on our way to being a 'Good' school overall when Ofsted returns – we look forward to welcoming them back!

We are also very proud that Ofsted recognised our sixth form provision is 'Good' and that more pupils are now choosing to stay and study in our sixth form after they complete Year 11. This is all a testament to the excellent support from our colleagues, pupils, families and the wider community.

Weston Favell Academy is a different place now, and we are so proud this report recognises the incredibly hard work of everyone involved.

Thank you for your ongoing support – we are thrilled for our community!

Kind regards



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Chief Executive
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Todd Johnson
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