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Dear Parents and carers,

Publication of the Joint Inspection of the Local Areas' effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.

On Tuesday, 7th May, Ofsted and CQC published their report following the local area joint inspection in February this year. You can find the report at <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/education/Sendi>. As with school inspections, the report details strengths and areas for improvement. Where there are significant concerns the local authority and health are required to produce a Written Statement of Action within 70 working days of publication.

I am sorry to have to report that the inspection did highlight some significant concerns, which require us to produce a Written Statement of Action.

The focus of the inspection was on how we work together to deliver the best services, opportunities and outcomes for all children and young people with SEND. In that spirit, we will be taking swift and robust action to put things right in partnership with you, parents, carers, children and young people and health colleagues. We know that we cannot do this on our own and the first step is to make sure that the Written Statement of Action includes your views on what we need to do.

You will be invited to some engagement workshops so we can make sure your views are included in the Written Statement of Action and I hope that as many of you as possible will get involved.

This is a disappointing outcome, but what is important now is what we do now to put it right and I am confident that together we will make rapid progress in addressing the concerns set out in the report.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Children's Services

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