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24th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first term of this academic year draws to a close, I would like to update you on actions that have been taken by the school so far, in addressing the areas for improvement, identified in the Ofsted report of July 2018.

Safeguarding has been addressed in a number of ways:

- Safeguarding training undertaken by all staff on TD Days in September.
- Procedures and systems for entering and exiting school are clear and consistent.
- Device free zone: to ensure children are safe at all times.
- Unsafe play equipment decommissioned and will be removed in November.
- External coaches trained in school Safeguarding policy.
- Safeguarding is a standing item in all Staff meetings.

As a result of these actions, safeguarding is now effective. However, we will continue to monitor the effectiveness of our systems and procedures. There will be further statutory safeguarding training for all staff for 3 hours on 5th November 2018 and there will be improvements to school fencing and onsite safety and security.

Teaching and Learning:

- An external review of how we support children who are entitled to pupil premium funding has taken place. As a result, an effective strategy will be in place and available to parents via the school website by 12.11.18.
- The Marking and Feedback Policy has been reviewed so that children receive feedback that helps them know how to improve their work.
- 'Steps to Success' have been introduced enabling children to understand how they will be successful in achieving the lesson objective.
- A policy for the presentation of work is now in place to ensure that children take greater pride in their work.
- Teachers are receiving support from local authority advisors to help with the effective planning and delivery of lessons (ongoing).
- Senior leaders are receiving support from local authority advisors in developing a rigorous monitoring and evaluating system (ongoing).

Changes to the process of governance at the school have commenced and parents will be advised of further developments as they take place during term 2. I should like to thank parents for attending the recent parents' evenings and for your positive comments.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all an enjoyable half term break.

Remember, the children return to school on Tuesday 6th November.

Kindest regards and God Bless.

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