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Dear Parents,

Please find attached the Inspection report from our recent Ofsted inspection. We are understandably disappointed with the judgment as I am sure you will be. I would like to reassure you that every step has been taken to ensure there is a comprehensive plan in response to the concerns raised within the report and there has already been significant progress in many areas.

Whilst the inspectors recognised the rapid progress we have made in school since September, they were concerned with the turbulence within the school prior to that time and the lack of sustained improvement in the 8 years since the school were graded as 'Requires Improvement' in the first instance. That, combined with the interim nature of my role, meant they were concerned about the capacity for sustained improvement in the future. As previously communicated with you, I am committed to working with the school for the foreseeable future as part of the agreement with Romero Catholic Academy Trust; I can see the potential this school has to be the school of choice for our community and I am confident we can achieve great things with the support of staff, governors and our families.

As a parent myself, I can understand the concerns you as parents may have and to that end I have planned an open session for parents at 6pm on Wednesday 22nd March where I, the staff and governors can explain the journey we are on as a school and the plans we have for the coming weeks and months. I am keen to involve parents in this as much as possible and am only too happy to listen to the ideas and suggestions you may have.

I would urge you to read the report with words the inspector shared at our feedback meeting in your mind: "there are green shoots of growth in this school which must be allowed to grow more".

As always, thank you for your continued support and understanding.

God Bless,

Mrs. S. Colbeck
INTERIM EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

