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The Ferrers School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received notification that the letter detailing the findings of the first special measures monitoring inspection, which took place on 5th and 6th December 2018, will be published on the Ofsted website on 15th January 2019. You can also find a copy of this on our website www.theferrers.org.

In the meantime, we are delighted to share with you that the inspector who conducted the monitoring inspection is of the opinion that leaders and managers are taking effective action towards the removal of special measures. The Trust's statement of action and the school's improvement plan are also fit for purpose.

In addition, the inspector noted the following within the monitoring inspection letter:

- The pace of improvement is accelerating
- Leaders are fostering a shared culture of belief and cooperation underpinned by high expectations
- Leaders took swift action to ensure the safety and well-being of students
- Safeguarding arrangements are now timely and effective
- Students know who to talk to if they have worries or concerns and told inspectors that they felt safe in school
- The conduct of students throughout the school day is calm and orderly
- The quality of teaching is improving
- Students benefit from a well-planned programme of personal, social, health and economic development
- Leaders have acted to improve the accuracy and reliability of assessment information and the tracking of students' attainment and progress over time

Whilst maintaining the areas that have already been enhanced, leaders at all levels in the school are fully committed to addressing the areas for improvement identified in the last inspection and within this monitoring inspection letter.

We have also been working closely with Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust (CMAT) and look forward to continuing to develop this partnership throughout the academic year and beyond. We will provide more information regarding this in the coming term.

Our key areas of focus will be to further improve the quality and consistency of teaching, learning and assessment. We will also work to ensure that the school's marking and feedback policy is consistently applied so that students know how to improve their work and what is required to make more rapid progress.

A school cannot make rapid improvements without the support of parents and carers and so it is essential that you work in partnership with us by ensuring that your child:

- Attends school every day and is on time – (please refrain from taking time off for holidays or appointments and ensure your child is on site by the warning bell at 8.47am)
- Has a positive attitude towards learning and has the correct equipment and uniform
- Completes all home learning activities
- Upholds high standards of conduct

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the monitoring inspection letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

Mr. Tony Hopkins
Chair of Governors



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