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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted and proud to share with you the positive outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. John Willmott School has now been moved out of Special Measures and is seeing continued improvement across all areas.

Ofsted inspectors visited our school in December and have praised the progress that we are making on our journey to 'Good'. The report commends the school's focus on making *'teaching, learning and assessment a top priority'* and notes improvements in *'leadership of teaching'* and were extremely complimentary about how pupils *'show respect for others' views and ideas'*. It acknowledges that the *'foundations for improvement are in place'*.

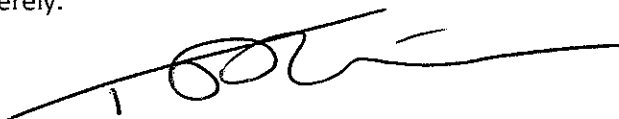
Whilst there is still work to be done, Ofsted recognises the progress that we have made and that we have the capacity to bring about further improvements, with strong support from the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership (ATLP) and Governors.

This success is due to the hard work and dedication of our whole school community and I would like to thank students, staff, families, governors and our wider learning community for your continued support. I am heartened that so many of you responded to say that you feel your children are being taught well and making good progress and that students feel well cared for in school. John Willmott is focused on developing the whole child and I am delighted that inspectors recognise our impressive work in our high-quality careers advice and range of enrichment activities.

This is the start of both a new year and era for John Willmott. We are moving forward in the next exciting stage of our school improvement journey. This is a significant step because it means that there is confidence in the robustness of the actions we are taking.

The full report will be published on 15 January and I look forward to sharing our progress throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher