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Dear Parents & Carers

Many of you will know that All Saints Academy was recently inspected by Ofsted. You may also know that, because the academy has been 'requires improvement' twice it could not be a third time. This means that, as a result of the inspection, All Saints has now been placed in the 'special measures' category.

Although this judgement is disappointing, Ofsted did recognise our 'clear vision and ambition' which we will now have the resources and professional support to accelerate. Inspectors also recognised that 'pupils' welfare and safety is a high priority', that 'pupils appreciate the support staff give them', that they see 'pupil welfare as a strength of the school's culture' and are 'confident that there is a safe and secure environment'.

Looking to the future, we are determined to use our 'special measures' status to accelerate our robust plans for change and ensure students get even better care and outcomes than they do already. I am proud to be Headteacher of the academy and believe that we can use the judgement to make us stronger and ensure it has a positive impact on our children's education and learning.

That said, there is still much to do to ensure that 'the intended culture of consistent, sustained and improved outcomes for all pupils' is secure and our expectations of what we can all achieve are higher.

So please be assured that our team will continue to build on its strengths, teach with passion and provide students with excellent levels of care. To support that, though, there are some things we can all do to help in the weeks and months ahead.

- If you're a student, remain focused on learning. It's the thing that makes the difference, opens doors and gives you choice in the future.
- If you're a member of staff, continue to provide the love, care and challenge to all your students just as you have always done.
- If you're a parent, continue to support us as you do, tell us when we get things wrong and let us – and others – know where it's going right.

The Ofsted report is now available on our website www.asap.org.uk/information/performance. We have also put together a comprehensive FAQ document on our website to address any wider questions and possible concerns. If you would like a hard copy then please let us know and we will send one home with your child. There will also be a meeting for parents in the main school hall on Monday 24 April at 6.00pm where I will be able to explain our improvement plans in more detail and answer the many questions I'm sure you may have.

God bless



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