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WILTON & BARFORD CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to our Post Ofsted Parents meeting last week, we wanted to write to ensure that everyone had the information shared at the meeting. Thank you to those who were able to attend and for your questions asked. Should you have further questions please don't hesitate to ask at the school office or make an appointment to see me.

There have been many improvements to the school since January, a large number of which had already been implemented prior to the Ofsted Inspection, which are driving up standards rapidly. These include:

- Putting a robust assessment system in place to support improvements in progress and attainment.
- Updating the Marking and Feedback Policy so children receive constructive feedback on all their learning.
- Revitalising the curriculum to not only ensure it meets the 2014 National Curriculum requirements but also making it more exciting for the children - and staff.
- Our dedicated teachers have received significant training on the expectations for each year group and, as a consequence, have already made positive changes in their classrooms.
- Plans for increasing staffing for Years 5 and 6 to give a smaller teacher to pupil ratio.

Following the Special Measures judgement, Wilton and Barford school has been provided with a range of resources, including extra funding and support from experienced external advisers, to enable it to make rapid and sustained progress. The school has had very positive external reviews for English, Maths and Early Years which have identified the areas needed to develop as well as the areas of strength within the school. I am proud to report that every visitor to the school has praised the positive conduct and behaviour of the children.

Whilst progress has been rapid since the inspection there is still much to do. Next week we are interviewing for a Deputy Headteacher to strengthen the leadership team and drive up standards further. We are delighted to report that we have a very strong field of candidates, all of whom visited the school before submitting their applications. We will inform you of the outcome as soon as possible.

All schools that are placed in to Special Measures are now required to go through Academy Conversion. We are very pleased that we will be joining the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust (DSAT) based here in Wilton. We already have strong links with DSAT, and look forward to working with a local academy trust that will provide excellent support and drive rapid school improvement. This will also enable us to work very closely with the new local St Peters Academy, who are also part of the DSAT family. A further letter about the academy process will be sent shortly.

Thank you for your continued support of Wilton and Barford.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Boase
Headteacher

Debbie Rock
Chair of Governors

