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## **Ofsted Report Response**

*As parents will be aware, the school was recently inspected by Ofsted and the Headteacher has shared the report with you. Looking at the information in the report you will see that the inspectors have found various areas which need attention and the School Leadership and Governors have been working on an action plan to urgently address these areas.*

*The Ofsted inspection highlighted some areas for action concerning the level of challenge from the Governors to the Headteacher as well as the monitoring of Pupil Premium funding and the impact on attainment for disadvantaged pupils. The quality and consistency of teaching in some areas was also highlighted as needing attention plus concerns over the level of pupil attendance, which is still below national average. However, the report acknowledged that teaching in English was good and mathematics was improving.*

*An external review of Governance at the school has been commissioned and this is due to take place in July of this year. We will obviously take action following the receipt of the results of this review to make the required improvements. In conjunction with the review of Governance, we are also working to review the use of the additional funding we get for Pupil Premium and to learn lessons from other schools to ensure that we use this effectively to get the best results for our pupils.*

*Attendance at the school is significantly below the national average but Ofsted did acknowledge that we have done a great deal of work to improve this and it has increased over recent years. However, this has not produced the level of improvement required quickly enough.*

*The school will now be working with some other schools with similar challenges as well as external agencies to see what strategies they are using and how this helps with attendance. This is also an area where parents can help in making sure that pupils do attend school at all times. This can also help with improving attainment.*

*We also need to improve teaching and make certain that in those areas which require improvement, that lessons are better planned to cater for pupils of all abilities. Some subjects seem to be ahead in this area and we will be using them as a guide to drive improvements in other areas.*

*You may also be aware of the staffing restructuring taking place within the school which we believe will also help to strengthen leadership and management and drive improvements. We are seeking, additionally, assistance from outside the school to help us identify where we can make changes which will, in turn, help us improve the outcomes for pupils.*

*While the inspection report highlighted some areas for improvement it also showed some areas of the school that are working well; for example 'safeguarding is effective in the school with a strong culture of safeguarding throughout the school'. We will build on these identified strengths going forward and they will feature significantly in our development planning for the forthcoming academic year and beyond.*

*Please be assured that the Staff and Governors are all working hard to resolve the matters identified and to provide pupils with a safe learning environment where they can strive to reach their potential and progress as individuals. Should you have any questions or comments then please feel free to contact the school or myself and we will be happy to discuss these with you.*

*On the school website you will find a summary of the schools' 'Post Ofsted Action Plan' for your information.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Tony Withers  
Chair of Governors  
Fazakerley High School*

