



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear parents and carers,

As you may be aware, Ofsted recently conducted its latest monitoring inspection of Ivingswood Academy, the third since the school was placed in special measures a year ago. We have now received the report which is attached.

Although inspectors acknowledged that staff had worked hard to improve pupils' learning in English and maths and to ensure they were safe and happy, overall inspectors felt that the rate of improvement has not been fast enough.

We are naturally disappointed, particularly as the previous monitoring visit had indicated that the school was making good progress and given the great strides the school has made in such areas as safeguarding, which inspectors acknowledge is no longer a cause for concern.

Nevertheless, I and Red Kite Schools Trust accept that progress could have been more rapid. To that end, we are putting in place supplementary measures to ensure improvements are sustained, including additional specialist support.

We can assure you, however, that there will be no disruption to your children's education, and we are confident that with these additional measures in place, Ivingswood will be able to sustain the improvement inspectors witnessed on their initial monitoring visits.

We appreciate that you may have questions about the school's progress and would like to invite you to meet with us on Monday 11 November at 3pm. Miss McNaney (Executive Headteacher), Ms Walton (Chair of Governors) and I will be available at that time to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

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