

Monday 12th September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Ofsted Report – July 2022

As you will all be aware, we welcomed Ofsted to the school for a two-day inspection on July 12th and 13th. Please see the attached final report. This was the academy's first inspection under the new, more demanding framework introduced in 2019. Ofsted have judged the academy to Require Improvement.

I am delighted to say that the inspection team recognised the huge amount of work that has taken place to improve the school following a number of changes in leadership in recent times. They state that Kirk Hallam is 'a friendly and improving school' and that it is 'becoming more settled and stable'. Ofsted also recognised that 'A lot of things are changing at the school to help it improve. Leaders have overhauled the curriculum and the timings of the school day. Pupils are beginning to recognise and value these changes.'

From meeting with so many of you since I joined the academy in April, I know you are just as passionate as we are about continuing to improve our school. The report highlights our community focus and desire to develop. It states that 'Leaders are working with determination to improve all aspects of the school. They have received strong support and investment from the trust. Trustees, local governors and school leaders have the needs of pupils and their families at heart.'

We relish the opportunity to address our areas for development, and I know you will support us to be the very best school we can be. The new academic year provides a wonderful opportunity to build on our successes, particularly our excellent outcomes at GCSE and A Level this summer. Having secured such positive results, we are looking forward to achieving even more this year.

A particular area of focus for us in 2022-23 is attendance, and I am asking for all parents and carers to help us improve this this year. The recent pandemic has affected school attendance across the country, however we are determined to ensure that students now attend each and every day. This is the foundation on which a strong school is built.

I look forward to welcoming you to the academy in the coming weeks and months and I thank you again for your support in helping to shape our community school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Turner
Headteacher