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'Where many hearts make a school'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Inspection - March 1st and 2nd 2022

Following the release of the final, validated report this week, I want to make you aware that the Ofsted Report is now available for your information on our website and will also be shared via our school app.

The outcome and content of the report is of course not what we have hoped it would be – and it is very clear that there is a significant amount of work still to do here. I can assure you that an action plan and robust management will be secured to enable school to be able to provide the quality of education that your children deserve.

Since I began working with the school last November, improvements have been made and I am pleased that this progress has been recognised by Ofsted. Safeguarding is robust and improvements to phonics and the teaching of reading have been put in place. However, it is not enough. Work on the PSHE curriculum was already well underway when Ofsted visited, and this is now also secured. Curriculum development was also underway and continues to be a priority. I want to assure parents that all areas outlined for improvement will be tackled robustly, and the school leadership will be established by an Academy Order from the Department of Education, who will identify a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) as a sponsor for the school. Their decision on who to appoint as a sponsor will be shared with you as soon as it is confirmed.

I would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a parents' meeting here at school, after the half-term break, so that we can share with you the school's response and action plan. I am hopeful that this meeting will also enable you to meet the personnel from the MAT that has been appointed and who will be instrumental in taking the school out of special measures and securing a good quality of education for your children. I will be in touch with a date as soon as this can be arranged.

Staff and governors here at school want to assure you that they remain committed and dedicated to work together to bring about the improvements needed. Governors will fully support the transition to academy status and we sincerely hope that you will continue to give us your support as we move forward. This will be a new start for Middleton-in-Teesdale Nursery and Primary School and I know that the future will be brighter and that your children will benefit greatly from the stability, support and challenge that will be provided through the MAT.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Alison Lazenby
Interim Head Teacher

Mr. Richard Welsby
Chair of Governors