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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware the school had a Section 8 monitoring visit on Thursday, 26 January 2017.

Whilst there are positives observed, we are very focused on the issues which are highlighted and have galvanised all leaders and staff to address the inconsistencies that exist.

In the three weeks since the monitoring visit much has been achieved; there has been training for all staff to ensure that each member of staff fully understands the behaviour policy, how to implement it and how to set high expectations in every lesson. The monitoring letter states: *'when teachers' have clear and high expectations and the work they set is interesting and challenging, pupils respond positively and with great enthusiasm'*. Our goal is to achieve this in all lessons and all leaders and staff are working very hard to realise this goal.

Intensive support has been put into lessons where disruptive behaviour has been preventing learning to help the teachers develop consistency in the use of the behaviour pathway and to support positive interactions in lessons. The positive feedback from staff and students about progress, thus far, is very encouraging.

Improved rewards for good attendance have been put in place; this has been received well by the students, although it is too early to measure their impact. I would ask parents to support our efforts by ensuring your child comes to school every day, unless they are too unwell to do so.

I will be writing to parents immediately after half term to share further strategic plans governors and leaders believe will support further improvement in the school as it moves forward.

Yours faithfully

Helen McEvoy
Headteacher

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