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Dear parents/carers

As you are aware, we had an Ofsted monitoring visit on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The purpose was for Ofsted to ascertain whether we as a Trust and school have taken urgent and appropriate action to address the issues they raised during their full inspection in October 2018.

It is with great pleasure and delight that I can now inform you of the very positive outcome of the monitoring visit. In the letter from Niall Gallagher, Lead HMI, the following key judgement is made:

***Leaders and managers are taking effective actions towards the removal of special measures.***

This is a very important indicator that Ofsted are confident that all of the issues raised in October 2018 are being addressed, and that they are assured that the school is moving in the right direction.

Moreover, for me, as the Head of School, I am extremely proud of the manner in which our students have risen to our new high expectations:

*“Pupils are clear about what is expected of them. They know that expectations have been raised and they have responded positively. Pupils look smart in their uniforms.”*

*“The pupils inspectors spoke to commented on the improved behaviour around the school. They said that they feel safe in school and now enjoy more positive relationships with staff, who they say treat them with respect.”*

One of the most powerful statements describes the quality of leadership and management at Shenley:

*“Leaders have worked hard to ensure that the school is moving in the right direction. They work well with leaders from the trust, who provide appropriate support and challenge.”*

The full letter is available for you to view on our school website (<https://shenleyacademy.e-act.org.uk>).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your support and commitment to the pupils, staff and community at Shenley.

I very much look forward to sharing the future successes that we will have with you all and would like to provide you with the opportunity to discuss the report with myself and members of the senior leadership team. On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding an informal coffee morning 9.15am to 10am for any parents who would like to meet with us.

Yours faithfully



Dr J Bartlett  
Head of School