

11<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We wanted to write at our earliest opportunity about Ofsted's recent inspection which took place at the end of January. Their report will be published shortly, and we wanted to share the findings with you.

Overall, Ofsted have concluded that the academy is "Inadequate". We are disappointed by this judgement, as it falls short of our high expectations of our academies at REACH2.

As you will know, Copperfield has had a turbulent few years, but Ofsted recognise that Simon Wood has made a number of improvements since being appointed at the start of the school year, and that you as parents support and appreciate these changes.

Elsewhere in the report, Ofsted note that Early Years is "Good" at Copperfield and that children make strong progress. They praise the leadership and point to a well-designed curriculum that helps children build on their own ideas and inspire their natural curiosity.

Our focus is now on replicating the success of our Early Years throughout the rest of the school, and we have a clear and detailed plan of action focused on the following areas:

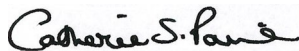
- Making sure that we monitor teaching, learning and assessment so that pupils progress, particularly in reading, writing and maths.
- Making sure that our curriculum is broad and balanced so that children develop their knowledge and skills across all subjects.
- Improving children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Improving the impact of pupil premium spending, to ensure that disadvantaged pupils can overcome any barriers to learning.
- Continuing to raise expectations of our staff so that pupils – especially those with SEND and disadvantaged pupils – make good progress.
- Ensuring that we strengthen pupils' understanding and correct use of spelling, punctuation and grammar so that their writing improves.
- Improving additional support for pupils with Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
- Continuing to focus on eliminating the small number of instances of bullying and further reducing low-level disruption in lessons.

We are also focused on ensuring that as a Trust and governing body, we provide effective challenge and support. As you know, we have put in place an Interim Governing Body, which will oversee the progress of this plan as a whole.

We want to reassure you that everyone at REAch2 is committed to providing Copperfield Academy with the support that is needed to continue the work to turn the school around. We expect to have a monitoring visit from Ofsted next term, and that they will recognise the further improvements that have been made. We will, of course, keep you updated as and when this happens.

In the meantime, we would like to thank you for your support to Copperfield.

Yours sincerely,

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**Cathie Paine**  
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**Katherine Alexander**  
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