

17th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

THE NUNEATON ACADEMY – INTERVENTION BY THE REGIONAL SCHOOLS COMMISSIONER

Following the publication by Ofsted of its report on the inspection of Nuneaton Academy in September 2021, the Regional Schools Commissioner has now contacted the Midland Academies Trust to review its capacity to help the school on its improving journey. This is a standard procedure that follows when any academy is judged to be 'Inadequate' by Ofsted. The Trust has received a warning notice that the Commissioner could decide to terminate its funding agreement with the Department for Education.

As part of this process, the Trust will make robust representations to demonstrate that it has the capacity and capability to help Nuneaton Academy to improve and to persuade the Commissioner that we are well placed to continue providing the leadership and support that will help it to succeed. We strongly believe that the work we have and continue to do at the Nuneaton Academy has bought about significant change at the school on their journey to providing a great education.

As you know, we were pleased that positive aspects of the school's provision were recognised by Ofsted even while we were disappointed with the overall judgement which we do not believe reflects the true picture of pupils' experience at our school. We were extremely pleased that Ofsted recognised that personal development at the school is a strength and is judged to be good, and that our pupils consistently develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed.

We were also pleased that inspectors found no issues with behaviour or bullying at the school and said that pupils 'feel safe'. Ofsted recognised that pupils 'behave in lessons and listen respectfully' which reflects our school's culture of kindness, empathy, and tolerance.

We welcomed Ofsted's comments that, 'Leaders are ambitious for the school and the community it serves. Pupils develop the personal skills and knowledge they need to be successful. They learn how to stay safe, look after their own well-being and be respectful. They are well prepared to make informed decisions about their future.'

The school hosted a meeting for parents in December in which we set out our plans to build on the progress we are already making which include:

- Further work on reading skills including promoting a love of reading.
- Continuing to ensure pupils receive the very best delivery in our classrooms from highly trained subject experts
- Increasing our work across our SEND provision to further support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities following a significantly turbulent period in education.

There will be another opportunity to hear from the Academy and Trust in person about the progress we are making in the weeks ahead.

The Academy have received an enormous amount of positive feedback from parents over recent weeks, and we thank you for your continuing support and the trust you place in us to address the issues raised by Ofsted. Please be assured of our continuing dedication to the improvement of your child's learning experience. We will continue to work tirelessly to enable pupils to keep on track with their learning and to support their personal development.

Chief Executive Officer:

Marion Plant OBE FCGI

Executive Principal:

Simon Lomax




Our appeal to the Commissioner will be submitted within 15 days and we understand that we can expect to hear his decision a few weeks after it has been received. We will keep you informed of progress on this matter but in the meantime, if you would like to discuss any aspect of the Ofsted outcome, please contact us using the following email address: info@midlandacademistrust.co.uk

Thank you for your continuing support for Nuneaton Academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Dunn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Dunn
Chair of the Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marion Plant', written in a cursive style.

Marion Plant OBE
Chief Executive Officer