



4 May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and students,

We would first of all like to thank you all for the welcome we have received since arriving at Adeyfield last week. It has been lovely meeting with so many supportive parents who like us, are determined to ensure their sons and daughters are successful in school regardless of the level they may be working at. This is most encouraging.

As you may remember Adeyfield was inspected by Ofsted on 28 February and 1 March 2018. The report can be found on our website, or a hard copy can be collected from reception. The Ofsted team, based on their observations and evidence have determined that Adeyfield be placed into a category known as "Special Measures". Their judgements of inadequate for Leadership and Management, Teaching and Learning, Behaviour and Attendance, as well as Outcomes are of course hard to read, but from our evaluations last week, there is much to work with in terms of moving Adeyfield forward. Our Sixth Form provision was described as "Requiring Improvement", but we are confident that with our targets for this Yr 13 cohort we will quickly move this outcome to "Good".

We understand that perhaps the greatest concern to you will be the grading given for Behaviour. Please be absolutely assured that since our arrival your children have been nothing but polite, friendly and welcoming. They are well behaved in corridors and the few students we have seen to issue Headteacher's postcards, have been utterly charming and keen to get on with their learning.

With that in mind the Behaviour grading has been given as inadequate because of below average attendance figures, which have been significantly impacted by the number of students who have been placed into Adeyfield during the course of the year. This just re-enforces the importance of ensuring your children are in school every day, and we aim to ensure that teaching and learning is such that children do not want to miss their lessons.

There is certainly a job to do at Adeyfield to raise standards, aspirations and outcomes, but we are utterly convinced that with clarity of leadership and a sense of team, our next Ofsted monitoring visit will be far more positive and indicative of the progress being made.

We are sure that you will have many questions which we are of course very happy to hear and answer. There will be an opportunity to do this on Tuesday 15 May at 7pm in the Main Hall and we will all be there to talk you through progress made thus far. It would be very helpful if you could confirm attendance via email to our PA Mrs Lawton, so we can organise a suitably sized venue and refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you.

**Mr D Allen**  
Interim Headteacher

**Mrs M Chapman**  
Executive Headteacher

**Ms A Thomson**  
Interim Headteacher

**Mr P Lerwill**  
Chair of Governors

**Look smart. Be polite. Work hard.**

