

The King David High School



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Dear Parent/Guardian

6th January 2023

We are pleased to share with you the letter from OFSTED's most recent monitoring visit which took place on 22nd and 23rd November.

Whilst we are disappointed that the school remains in special measures, we are pleased that OFSTED have recognised the positive steps we have taken since their last monitoring visit at the end of the summer term. There is still more work to be done to ensure these are embedded.

When the inspectors are happy that sufficient progress has been made in all priority areas, they will convert a monitoring visit into a full section 5 inspection. We are optimistic that this will happen before the end of this academic year.

We would like to highlight the following findings of this most recent monitoring inspection.

- Safeguarding arrangements are now **effective** and staff understand their safeguarding responsibilities.
- The school's improvement plan has been judged as '**fit for purpose**'.
- There is an equitable curriculum offer for all sections of the school.

Whilst OFSTED acknowledge that "leaders have taken swift action to try and stem the decline in pupils' poor behaviour", there is still more work to be done here. We are grateful for the support of our parent body in dealing effectively with poor behaviour when it occurs.

Whilst we are pleased with the letter, we are disappointed with the comments regarding governance. We raised with OFSTED some factual errors in the report but not all of these were picked up. Since the beginning of the academic year further changes have been made to formalise the role and responsibilities of governors. The retirement of Mr Rowe has also necessitated further enhancements, many of which came into place towards the end of last term, after the OFSTED monitoring visit. We were also disappointed that OFSTED failed to acknowledge the role of the governors in the progress the school has made. We hope they will see this and evidence of further progress at their next visit.

Despite the positive direction of travel indicated by this most recent monitoring visit, we all recognise that there is never room for complacency, and that school improvement is a continuous and ongoing process. We all want to provide the best learning environment we can for all the children and young people we are responsible for.

There will be a further Parents Forum in the main school hall on **Wednesday 1st February at 6:30pm**. The governors and leadership team of the school will set out our next steps towards further improvement. This will also be an opportunity for parents to ask any questions about this latest monitoring visit.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors

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Headteacher