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Dear Parent,

I write to let you know that the report from our Ofsted Inspection of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 is now published. The report is a fair description of where we are on our journey to becoming a great school. As you will see, the overall judgement is Requires Improvement. This reflects the progress that we have achieved together since the previous inspection when the school was judged Inadequate and placed in Special Measures.

We are pleased that we can now say with authority that:

- Arrangements for safeguarding are effective
- Pupils feel safe and their parents agree
- Pupils' learning is particularly strong in English and Maths, and that teachers secure pupils' knowledge and develop their confidence
- Pupils are praised for their attendance, punctuality and tidy appearance and are excited to tell inspectors about the reward system

I trust that you are reassured that leadership in its widest sense is a strength at Hassenbrook Academy:

- The Headteacher appointed in January 2017, supported by other senior leaders, is driving forward improvements in the school. She is being supported well by governors and the trust.
- Suitable plans are in place to raise achievement further
- Three quarters of parents now believe the school is well led and would recommend the school
- Leaders have worked hard to recruit staff with specialist expertise and this has been largely successful

We look forward to tackling with confidence the improvement areas identified in the report amongst which are improving the progress of disadvantaged, high ability and SEND pupils; increasing staffing expertise in some areas of the curriculum and improving our pupils' understanding of the risks of extremism.

What is now clear is that we have come a long way since the last inspection and of course still have important improvements to make. We are encouraged that the work that we have done together in turning this school around is being recognised and our focus for going forward is clarified. The report is available for you on our website and will be on the Ofsted website imminently.

I am delighted that I am in a position to ensure the future success of Hassenbrook Academy because I know what potential we have to be a great school and I thank you all for the help and support you have given thus far and will continue to do.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Joanne Williams  
Headteacher