

LILLINGTON NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since early last year and the Ofsted inspection in April Lillington Nursery and Primary School has undergone substantial upheaval. The following paragraphs explain the steps that have been taken to move the School forward.

The results of the Ofsted inspection meant that the government issued an Academy Order for Lillington. The Regional Schools Commissioner is responsible for ensuring that the school becomes a sponsored academy, for finding the most suitable academy trust and for brokering the relationship between the school and the trust. The RSC has identified a suitable Academy Trust. But discussions are still underway and the process is not yet completed. You will be informed as soon as a firm decision is made on the future for the school.

September 2019 saw the permanent appointment of Ms Wallis-O'Dell as headteacher. I hope you will take an opportunity to get to know Ms Wallis-O'Dell who is passionate about providing the best education possible for our children. An Ofsted monitoring inspection in October reported very positively on the progress made in key areas, and the strengths in the School's approach to securing improvement. The report mentioned the new behaviour policy and raised expectations for pupils and staff. It is likely that further monitoring inspections will take place and we are confident that the improvement will be maintained.

During the autumn term concerns were raised about the School's budget because of a significant and increasing deficit. The School is required to operate a balanced budget. So a Budget Recovery Plan has been prepared and consultations are underway on the measures proposed by that Plan. A fundamental approach of the Plan is to minimise the impact on the children and their education, while securing a reduction in expenditure. We will keep you informed about future progress on the Budget recovery. The School still has some way to go to reach a standard which Ofsted will rate as good. Your support will help achieve that objective, to provide a safe and happy environment where the children will learn well and thrive.

Kind Regards

Lillington Nursery and Primary School Governing Body