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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Please find attached the school's recent Ofsted report on the 8th and 9th November, which details the outcomes of our school's recent inspection. It is clear that the report might bring about disappointment among our valued parent community, and I want to address the findings directly.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find the Ofsted report, which highlights various strengths within our school. Inspectors praised:

- our responsible, kind and considerate pupils and were impressed with the behaviour and little lost learning time.
- core subjects, mathematics and reading were praised too and it is evident with high academic achievement at the end of Key Stage 2 that pupils do well in these areas.
- pupil engagement and the school's offer of extracurricular activities.
- high attendance and the school's work to ensure this.
- the recent improvements to ensure Safeguarding is effective and robust.
- the Governing Body and Trustees.
- the Trust's secure knowledge of the school's strengths and weaknesses which has resulted in recent changes and improvements.
'Many new systems to improve the school have been recently implemented.'

However, it also points out areas that require improvement, especially concerning the wider curriculum subjects. Undoubtedly, there have been significant changes at the school and within Scholars Academy Trust in recent months, and many of you may have witnessed these changes first hand. The report details that expectations have recently been raised at the school and that these steps are helping the school to move forward. These are also referred to as, 'Positive' changes.

It is important to note that our school has not undergone an inspection for twelve years and the inspection framework has undergone major changes. As a result, there are ongoing efforts to address several aspects to enhance the school's overall performance. The report acknowledges the recent changes but indicates that their full impact has yet to be reflected in the inspection results. I am confident that under the new direction of the Trust, these changes will soon yield the desired impact and improvements.

In my role as CEO, I take responsibility for the school's performance. Since my arrival in April, I have been diligently working with leaders and staff to identify areas for improvement and act on these quickly. It is imperative for our school to continue to move forward swiftly, and I firmly believe that the changes we are implementing will and are having a significant positive impact.

Myself and the leadership team at Launde want to express our admiration for the wonderful pupils at our school and convey our gratitude for the unwavering support of our parent community. Your support and involvement are invaluable as we navigate this period of change and improvement.

At Scholars Academy Trust, we are personally committed to investing in Launde Primary School to ensure it has the capacity and resources necessary to address all issues outlined in the report. We will 'Strive for Excellence', ensuring, 'Every child, in every school, has the right to an excellent education and opportunity to develop character in a secure and caring environment.' This commitment for Launde includes providing additional resources, enhancing teacher training programs, and developing a robust curriculum that nurtures the holistic growth of our pupils.

In light of the report, I will be hosting a session for parents to engage with myself and leaders directly on Tuesday 19th December at 6pm. This session will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions regarding the report and receive a detailed debrief.

I want to emphasise that despite the areas identified for improvement, our school continues to excel in academic performance with Key Stage 2 attainment in the top 5% in the country. Your ongoing support and collaboration are crucial in our journey towards achieving our shared goal of providing the best possible education for our pupils.

Thank you for your understanding, support, and commitment to our school's growth and improvement.

Yours Sincerely,

Sam Coy

Chief Executive Officer