

30th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing on behalf of the Education Advisory Board (EAB) and our sponsor, Delta Academies Trust to keep you informed of developments at The South Leeds Academy in relation to the recent Section 5 inspection by Ofsted.

The latest Ofsted report, resulting from the visit of 5 inspectors on 13th and 14th December 2016 is to be published on the Academy and Ofsted websites on 30th January 2017. However, some of the key points from the report are highlighted below:

- The South Leeds Academy requires significant improvement because it is performing significantly less well than it might in all the circumstances reasonably be expected to perform.
- The Principal, senior leaders, members of the Education Advisory Board and the Academy Trust are addressing the school's weaknesses with much-needed urgency.
- Senior leaders are taking swift action to improve the quality of teaching.
- Current senior leaders have rapidly and accurately identified what needs to be improved most urgently. They are setting about making rapid improvements with energy and drive, thus generating a sense of momentum among staff.
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- Pupils are open, friendly and accept each other's different backgrounds and beliefs.
- The great majority of pupils behave sensibly around the school and in most lessons.
- In their day-to-day interactions, pupils show respect and tolerance towards others who are from different backgrounds or have different lifestyles and beliefs.
- Pupils report that behaviour has improved greatly since the introduction of the new behaviour policy. Most pupils welcome the stricter and clearer code of behaviour. This helps them learn in a calmer and more orderly environment.
- Senior leaders have refocused the attendance team's work and are active in meeting with pupils and families to promote better attendance.

The EAB, Senior Leadership Team the whole Academy staff are fully committed to making the necessary improvements outlined in the inspection report and we will ensure that we continue to focus relentlessly on the inspectors' identified priorities.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring your child attends every day, on time, in the proper uniform, with the right equipment and attitude to learning in order to make the most of their time at The South Leeds Academy.

Yours sincerely



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Principal



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Chair of the EAB