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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families are well.

In October, as you may recall, Ofsted carried out an inspection at George Pindar School, the first since it joined Hope Sentamu Learning Trust in March 2019. We have now received the final report from Ofsted and are pleased to let you know that there are a number of very positive comments, including the recognition that the school has improved “dramatically” in recent years. At its previous inspection in 2017, Ofsted rated the school as Inadequate. This time inspectors have upgraded it to Requires Improvement. The full Ofsted report is attached for your review.

Among its comments in the report, Ofsted says:

- Leaders have prioritised the school’s curriculum. Most subjects now have clear plans in place that outline the knowledge and skills that leaders want pupils to learn through their time in school
- Most pupils enjoy school and feel safe
- Leaders have taken action to improve behaviour including changing its behaviour policy
- Bullying is decreasing and pupils are confident that staff will take action when they raise concerns
- Leaders have developed clear plans to support pupils who need extra help to improve their reading
- Pupils’ personal development is a priority for leaders. The curriculum is carefully planned and is underpinned by the school’s values. Pupils have a strong understanding of healthy relationships and the protected characteristics
- Governors and trustees know the school well. Hope Sentamu Learning Trust works with the school to support them in key improvement areas

The report also sets out where the school needs to make further improvements. This includes continuing to improve behaviour and attendance, ensuring the teaching of all subjects is as good as it is in English and Maths, and progressing the work with children with special education needs and disabilities. Hope Sentamu Learning Trust is working closely with the school and assigning specialist and experienced colleagues to support the school to address highlighted areas.

Overall, this is a positive report and we are pleased that Ofsted has recognised that we have made progress in recent years. There was a lot to do when we started and we have not yet completed our improvement journey, but this report demonstrates that we are well on our way. We would like to thank everyone involved with the school – colleagues, governors, students and you, our parents and carers – for their contribution to the progress made and for their ongoing support of our school.

Yours faithfully,



Helen Winn
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