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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to announce that Lacon Childe is still a good school, as graded by Ofsted, and I am now able to share with you the Ofsted report from our recent inspection (attached). The process did identify areas of development that the school is already working on and will continue to work on, and this work will need time to embed before it secures the improvements that we are aiming for.

I am pleased that the report picked up on some of the many strengths of the school, identifying that the school remains true to its aim of being 'more than just a school' with our belief in the potential of our pupils, with pupils being 'encouraged' to take part in an 'extensive range of wider opportunities for pupils to explore their talents and interests'.

It recognised the 'high expectations' we have for our pupils and that 'pupils are encouraged to develop behaviours that make a positive contribution to the community'. The report also reflected the work that goes into providing high levels of care and support for our young people with all pupils reporting they 'have a trusted adult to speak to should they have concerns.', that they are 'listened to' and that because of our rigorous systems, all safeguarding concerns are 'acted on swiftly'.

Work on developing our ambitious curriculum started well before I joined the school and has continued this year. We are pleased with all we have achieved so far, and we will continue this work to ensure we have a consistency across all areas, that supports students in their learning, in all subjects.

We have started a review of our reading curriculum and we are determined to ensure our interventions for those who find reading challenging has the impact required and that all students are supported to not just access reading, but to enjoy reading and utilise reading to support them in their learning.

I have now been in post at the school over 6 months and I continue to be inspired by the staff's commitment to the school and our pupils. The report links closely with our own improvement plans and I have full confidence in our staff's ability to deliver on these areas for development, and our leaders' ability to ensure the school continues to move forward and provide a special place for our pupils to continue to learn and thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Kind Regards



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