



RICHARD de CLARE

Community Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will no doubt be aware the school had an Ofsted Inspection in June 2019. In our communication to you on the first day of the new academic year, in which we advised you about the leadership changes at the school, we also told you that we would publish the report as soon as we receive it. The report has therefore been e-mailed to you with this letter and can also be found on our website [here](#).

The inspection report represents a snapshot of the school at that particular time. The Trust recognises that there are parts of the report that you will find distressing and although there are some aspects that were the subject of an appeal by the Trust, we do accept the report's findings and have developed a robust action plan to tackle the issues raised. We are confident that this plan is already having a positive impact and will ensure a rapid recovery. Our aim is to ensure that the children at Richard de Clare receive the best education possible.

The timing of the Ofsted inspection means that the outcomes for children at the end of the academic year 2018-19, which were published just under 2 weeks after the inspection, were not available for consideration at the time. Therefore, although you will see that the report notes that fewer than half of the children left the school having met the required standard in reading, writing and maths, the combined figure for Year 6 children leaving the school in 2019 was 59%.

We would like to invite you to meet us, to hear about the plans that we have put in place and to raise any questions that you might have about these plans at one of the following times:

- EYFS and KS1 – Monday 14th October at 2.15
- KS2 - Monday 14th October at 4.00

In order that we can aim to cover as many questions as possible, we would be grateful if you could e-mail any questions that you have to admin@richarddeclare.com before the meetings. You will, of course, be able to ask as many questions as you wish at the meeting as well.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings. If you are unable to attend either of the meetings but would like to meet with either me or Ms Riddleston at a different time to discuss the report and the action plan, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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