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Tuesday 3rd March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Meeting with Reach South Director of Education, Monday 9th March 9.00am

As you will know, High Street Primary Academy was judged inadequate by Ofsted last November. An Ofsted Action Plan has been written outlining targets to ensure the school improves rapidly. It is very important that we gather the views of parents and take appropriate action. I am inviting you to meet with me so that I can understand what is important to you and how we can work together. At the meeting I will explain how Reach South will continue to support High Street so that the school makes good progress and that our children have the very best experience possible.

Since the inspection, significant support has been provided to the school from a variety of sources, including the Reach South Central Team, Reach South academies in Plymouth and others beyond the Trust. I am making decisions that will increase the level of support and would like to discuss this at the meeting on Monday 9th March.

High Street will have a monitoring visit during the summer term and it is important that the inspectors find leaders and managers are taking effective action towards the removal of serious weaknesses. This judgement is critical to confidence being restored in High Street by the parents and wider community.

I have made the decision to deploy Ms El Janbey to High Street as head teacher, supported by Ms Crowhurst, both are hugely experienced members of the Reach South Team and work across all the schools in Plymouth. I will explain my decision at our meeting and answer any questions from parents. Mr Frame will remain closely connected to High Street by meeting with Ms El Janbey on a regular basis. However, for the majority of his time, Mr Frame will be busy ensuring his other school, Stuart Road, secures a Good outcome at the Ofsted inspection, when it comes.

Mrs Blake, Head of School will play a pivotal role at High Street where she is currently teaching in Year 6. Mrs Blake will support Ms El-Janbey in leading and managing the school and provide much needed continuity.

I am sure that you will all want to welcome Ms El Janbey into this new role and continue to support High Street in any way you can.

I am very much looking forward to meeting parents and carers and learning more about what is important to you. I hope that we will be able to rely on your support and involvement and that we will work together and ensure we do our very best for all our children and the staff and families at High Street.

Best wishes

Mark Elms
Director of Education