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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing on behalf of the Interim Executive Board (IEB) to keep you informed of developments at Hanson School in relation to the recent monitoring visit by Ofsted and changes in leadership.

The latest Ofsted monitoring letter, resulting from the visit of 3 inspectors on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 is published on the school and the Ofsted websites on 14<sup>th</sup> March 16.

The monitoring visit went well and we are pleased that the inspectors recognized improvements since their last visit. You will see from their report that they believe we are moving in the right direction and importantly the report states that, **“Leaders are taking the necessary steps to bring the school out of Special Measures.”**

It is particularly pleasing that the inspectors commented on the significant improvements in behaviour and attendance. I would like to thank parents and carers for supporting the school and reinforcing the importance of 100% attendance. The inspectors spent a considerable amount of time during the two days talking to students who said themselves that behaviour has continued to improve in lessons and around the school. It is reassuring that the hard work of staff and pupils and your support from home is recognized and is making a difference.

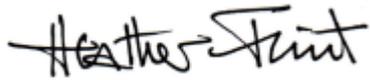
There is, nevertheless, a great deal more to do to make Hanson the great school I know it can be and I can assure you that the IEB is working closely with the Local Authority and with Wakefield City Academies Trust (WCAT), our preferred sponsor, to fill staff vacancies, provide effective leadership and ensure significant school improvements. I know that parents are concerned about the number staff vacancies and I am pleased to tell you that the school has made five new appointments of permanent staff for English and we are working with WCAT to make sure the school is fully staffed from September 16.

In terms of Headship, our Consultant Head, Graham Moffatt, from WCAT has done an excellent job this term to keep everyone focused on the importance of good behaviour and effective teaching and learning. I would like to thank him, on behalf of the IEB and parents, for his work at Hanson. It was always intended that he would provide an interim arrangement until a new Head could start from Easter. I am pleased to inform parents that Mr Richard Woods will be joining Hanson as Head Teacher from Easter. He is an experienced Head Teacher, having been a Head in Hull and Consultant Head Teacher and Secondary Lead in Buckinghamshire before moving back North to work for WCAT and now Hanson. I am very pleased to

welcome him and I know that he will be contacting parents soon after taking up his post.

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for continuing to stress with your sons and daughters the importance of them attending every day, on time, in the proper uniform and with the right equipment and attitudes in order to make the most of their time at Hanson.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Flint". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and a long horizontal stroke extending from the 't'.

Heather Flint

Chair of Hanson Interim Executive Board