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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received the report from Ofsted following the inspection at Patchway Community School in December 2024 and are pleased to be able to share it with you before it is published on the Ofsted website next week. Thank you if you contributed by completing the Ofsted parent view questionnaire during the inspection as the feedback was very positive overall and helped inspectors to form a view of an improving school under new leadership. Whilst it is frustrating not to be judged good in all areas yet, the judgements align with our own self-evaluation at this stage, and we are pleased that inspectors saw and acknowledged the direction of travel under Mr Kneller's leadership and with support from the Trust. We are now confident that, after a time of leadership turbulence and instability, the school has a strong team in place to embed further improvements with support from the Olympus team. We will need your support to ensure that student attendance continues to improve and that there is full engagement with the support on offer to ensure successful outcomes for all groups of students. Thank you for the support and encouragement that you are already providing for Mr Kneller and his staff team.

It is an exciting time for all involved at Patchway Community School with the prospect of the new building getting closer as the plans are being finalised. We will be in touch in the next 2 weeks about an opportunity to come and review the proposals for the new school building and site and to give us feedback before the contractors seek planning permission in late February. As part of the preparation for the new building, we will also be seeking your views about whether it is time for a new name and rebrand for the school. We are always keen to receive feedback about ways in which we can improve the offer for learners in our schools and their families so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have particular concerns or ideas you wish to share.

Thank you in anticipation of your continuing engagement and support.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Baker
Chief Executive Officer
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