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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to share some wonderful news for our entire school community.

Following our recent inspection, I am pleased to announce that Ofsted has removed Skegness Academy from 'Special Measures' and praises the improvements it says have been made "to all areas of the school".

This is a major milestone for our Academy and the recognition is testament to the hard work of pupils, parents and staff, who have worked closely together with Greenwood Academies Trust to boost pupils' aspirations and outcomes, and to encourage a positive learning environment.

The Ofsted report also highlights the positive school culture, noting that pupils are "very positive about the relationship they have with staff" and feel well supported. Pupils also shared that they "know that their school is getting better all the time" and "recognise that their teachers want them to do well and have their best interests at heart".

The inspectors found that new initiatives to encourage positive behaviour, including a warning card system and rewards such as "tea with the Principal", are also having a positive impact and that pupils "feel safe and cared for" and are "pleased that behaviour has improved greatly".

The report also said that new strategies to help develop pupils' literacy skills such as 'Lit-fit', which introduces pupils to new vocabulary, and DEAR (drop everything and read) are successfully helping pupils to develop a new-found love of reading.

The senior leadership team and staff at Skegness Academy were also praised for the "range of opportunities to promote pupils' personal development" and recognised the curriculum for supporting pupils' mental and physical wellbeing, through sport such as boxing and swimming, and preparing pupils for their next steps with visits to local universities and advice tailored to their individual interests and aspirations.

I am incredibly proud of our pupils and staff for this achievement, and am thrilled that Ofsted has recognised our hard work and the sustained improvements we have made.

This also means that of Greenwood's six academies in Skegness, four are now rated Good, we have upgraded to Requires Improvement, and one is not yet inspected. The Trust looks forward to continuing the improvement of the quality of education for the children and young people across their Skegness academies.

Providing our pupils with a safe, challenging and rewarding education experience is our top priority and while this outcome is a testament to our dedication and ongoing efforts, I look forward to continuing to work alongside our pupils, parents and staff to ensure our lasting success.

Thank you all for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T Johnson".

Mr Todd Johnson
Principal
Skegness Academy