



# GREENWOOD ACADEMIES TRUST

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Dear families

As you may be aware Brunts Academy received a visit from Ofsted last month and I am pleased to share with you the final report following the inspection.

When Brunts Academy was inspected in November 2022 the school was judged to be inadequate and placed into Special Measures with 10 areas for improvement identified. We were delighted to welcome Brunts into the Greenwood Academies Trust family on 1 December 2022.

You may recall the meeting I held with parents and carers in January 2023 where I shared our plans for improving Brunts and ensuring, in the first instance, that the school no longer provided children with an inadequate quality of education.

I am pleased to inform you that, in this most recent visit, Ofsted agreed with our view that Brunts is a much-improved school and is no longer inadequate. So much so that they took the unusual step of 'converting' their monitoring visit to a full inspection in order to remove the 'inadequate' judgment.

This is an incredible achievement for the entire school community in just 10 months, especially given that so many areas for improvement were identified last autumn.

The key findings of the inspection are:

- This is a rapidly improving school. Leaders have created the right conditions for learning.
- The school has designed an ambitious, well-sequenced curriculum for all subjects, including in the sixth form. There are clear curriculum plans in place.
- Reading is a priority. A lot of work has been done to instil a love of reading, including a well-resourced library and tutor time reading.
- Pupils' behaviour in most lessons and around the school site have improved significantly.
- The school has high expectations of what pupils can achieve and how they should behave. The school is typically calm.
- Staff expect pupils to behave and learn well. The majority of pupils rise to these expectations.
- Most pupils welcome the recent changes to improve the school. As a result of these changes, pupils feel safe. They reported that bullying is no longer a major concern.
- Pupils attend well. They take pride in their work.
- Trustees know the school very well. They know what needs to improve. The trust provides tailored support for the school. Staff feel well supported and their morale is high.

Brunts Academy has now been judged to 'Require Improvement' across all areas with the exception of the sixth form, which is now judged as 'Good'.

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We know that there is more work to be done to improve Brunts.

Inspectors agreed with the priorities we have identified to continue to improve our offer to your child(ren) and were assured that were already working on the newly identified areas for improvement set out in the report below:

- Leaders are aware that some aspects of the curriculum need further development, especially regarding teachers' consistent use of assessment.
- Leaders should ensure that the behaviour policy is implemented consistently so that all staff meet leaders' expectations of pupils' conduct.
- Leaders must ensure that there is an open culture of respect and vigilance, where pupils feel confident to report their concerns knowing that leaders will take swift and effective action. The curriculum for PSHE is new. Leaders need to ensure that pupils in all years benefit from a high-quality personal development programme that equips them to be well prepared for life in modern Britain.
- Communication with parents is sometimes not as effective as it could be. Some parents feel that the school does not keep them informed well enough about decisions, especially regarding school uniform requirements and procedures to manage pupils' behaviour. Leaders need to ensure that they keep parents up to date with information about the effective work they are doing to care for and support pupils.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Loach, Mrs Emery, Miss Taylor and Mr Fiddimore (all members of the current leadership team who have stayed with us following the inspection in November last year) for everything they have done to improve Brunts since becoming a GAT academy. They have all made a considerable impact on moving the school out of the 'inadequate' category.

Ofsted recognised the impact that recent leadership changes have made to the school, and shared my confidence in Mr Fisher and Miss Sutcliffe. They were assured that Brunts will continue to move forward and thrive in the future under the new leadership team we have put in place.

We are all committed to ensuring Brunts Academy becomes the school we all want it to be and we are now firmly on the journey to achieving a 'Good' outcome in our next inspection.

Thank you for all of your ongoing support.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely,



**Wayne Norrie**  
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