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Dear Ash Families,

I am writing to keep you updated on the progress the school has made since our last inspection. When we received our Requires Improvement judgement in September 2021, we were notified that Ofsted would return within 30 months, to check on our progress.

Since the inspection, our team have been working tirelessly to rapidly improve the quality of education here. There is also a group of people behind the scenes from the local authority, the Diocese of Bath and Wells, and latterly the Preston Primary Academy Trust, supporting us on our journey. They have assisted us in all areas including teaching and learning, premises, finances, HR and governance. Although Ofsted have not yet returned to inspect our school and nursery, lots of colleagues have been supporting our rapid improvement plan.

I am delighted to inform you, that all our external partners have told us they agree with our judgement that standards of teaching, learning, and the quality of the curriculum have improved. This is down to the huge amount of work that many colleagues have put in. I wish to extend my thanks to the team here for working so hard to make improvements, and of course to all of you and our pupils for supporting this work, through some challenging times.

When I visit classrooms daily, children are confident learners, they take pride in their work, and every opportunity for learning is being taken by students and staff. The standard of writing and presentation is improved, and there is a calm and purposeful atmosphere throughout.

Although we have achieved a great deal, we know there is always more to do, and we are committed to ensuring every child has the very best chance of achieving in all areas of the curriculum to prepare them for the next stage in their education. With your support, we can continue to develop what we do for our children. We are not complacent, and we are always working on improving even further, to ensure we are the very best we can be.

We would like to invite you to complete our parent survey, to let us know what we are doing well, and what you think we could improve. We will also be asking pupils their views.

Please complete our survey via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/PC4m8NBVsh>

Our Nursery parent survey will follow shortly.

You may have also seen recently that the Preston Trust Schools are very high performing, and Preston Primary School has the very best outcomes in Somerset at year 6. We are very proud to be joining this group of excellent schools, and the transition is firmly underway. You can find out more about the Preston Trust here

<https://www.prestonprimaryacademytrust.co.uk/>

As we move through the spring term, we will have a number of opportunities for you to engage with us, to support our journey. In the meantime, if you have any queries at all about school improvement, or our academisation, please do get in touch.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Bennett', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark or stamp.

Rebecca Bennett

Headteacher