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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Ofsted Notice for Gusford Primary School**

I am writing to update you on a recent Notice we have received from Ofsted regarding Gusford Primary School.

When a school receives consecutive 'Requires Improvement' Ofsted inspections, the Department for Education's Regional Director will work closely with the Trust and school leaders to ensure there is a rapid improvement plan in place to secure a 'Good' judgement by the next inspection.

Despite receiving positive monitoring inspections since our latest full inspection that suggest we are taking effective action in order for Gusford Primary School to become a 'Good' school, we continue to work closely with the Regional Director on this basis.

In these circumstances, the Regional Director typically issues the Trust with a 'Termination Warning Notice'. This Notice sets out the Trust's requirement to demonstrate the improvement plan, and report on progress being made on a regular basis throughout the next school year.

We have now received this Notice for Gusford Primary School, and it will be published on Ofsted's website in the next few days.

The Notice means that we will need to demonstrate and evidence the impact of our improvement plan to ensure the Regional Director is satisfied that the necessary improvements are being made quickly. If the Regional Director is not satisfied that we are making the necessary improvements after this period, they could place other requirements on us, or seek to transfer the school to another Trust.

While this Notice is, of course, disappointing, we believe our improvement plan is helping to make the improvements at the school, as we recently delivered at another of our schools in the Trust when their judgement improved from 'Inadequate' to 'Good'.

The most important thing we can do is work collectively to put our plan in place to demonstrate the improvements that are being made.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we all remain committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all our pupils during this time. If you have any worries, concerns or queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact me on [lynsey.holzer@activelearningtrust.org](mailto:lynsey.holzer@activelearningtrust.org).

Yours sincerely

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