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Trust Statement with regards to the Ofsted Report

The Deanery CE Academy, run by DBAT, has recently been inspected by Ofsted and received an Inadequate grading. This is disappointing news for everyone concerned with the school, and we share that feeling.

Our main focus is on ensuring that we make rapid improvements to the school for the benefit of our young people and their families. We have had a new headteacher in post since half term who is starting to put in place actions to support the strengthening of the curriculum and the operation of the school.

Our other focus is to ensure that the wellbeing and mental health of our amazing Deanery staff is protected throughout this highly stressful period.

Inspections occur over a two-day period, and the report reflects what was seen at that point in time. We know that The Deanery is changing and improving. Many of these changes that have been implemented have not yet had the chance to yield significant results. Whilst there have been many new initiatives at the start of this academic year which are exactly the right thing for the school to do, we do not yet have the data to support their impact.

There are some positive aspects drawn out in the report, with the inspectors noting that safeguarding is effective....attendance is improving....classrooms are calm places to learn...pupils are keen to do well....they value the extra-curricular opportunities. These characteristics provide the bedrock for us to build on and reflect the progress that has been made over recent months. We are working closely with Ofsted, the DfE, and our local community to support the quick improvements we all want to see.

We have been transparent with parents since the release of the report and all these responses can be found on our school website on the Ofsted page

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