

Medina House School

Tuesday 26th July 2011

Dear Parents,

You will by now have seen the recent OFSTED Report and will be sharing the governors' concerns with the outcome. We are disappointed that the leadership and management of the school was found wanting but as the Report says the current headteacher and deputy headteacher were acting in an interim capacity. You will be aware from my previous updates to you that this was initially only going to be for one term but went on rather longer than anticipated due to the Local Authority's SEND Review. Unfortunately the Inspection coincided with Chris being absent from school on compassionate leave due to the death of her mother, Chris remains on leave and we understand is getting the help and support she needs. The governance of the school was also found wanting mainly due to policies and procedures not being fully met and so not meeting all the statutory requirements.

As governors we wanted to retain your confidence, as the Report outlines, that you have in the school and you have been able to recognize the many positive features of Medina House. The school governors are fully committed to working with the Local Authority to secure the required improvements. As a consequence we have agreed to the proposal that an Interim Executive Board (IEB) be put in place from 1 September once approval from the Secretary of State is given.

You will also be aware from my last letter to you how delighted we are that governors have made a successful appointment of a new headteacher, Julie Stewart, who will take up her post on 1 September. I want to thank again all those parents who helped governors with the selection process for the new headteacher. Julie is also committed to working with all concerned to bring about the required improvements and she is looking forward to meeting and working with you all, we are sure that you will continue to support the school in the positive way you always have.

I want to pay tribute to all the governors of the school but especially the parent governors who have worked really hard on your behalf and I hope will they continue to do so once the IEB has done what is necessary and a new governing body will be formed. I am full of admiration to all governors for the work that they undertake and freely giving of their time and commitment to the school in a voluntary capacity and I wish the outcome of the Inspection could have been different.

Finally on behalf of the Governing Body of Medina House I want to wish all the pupils and families well who will be leaving this year and moving on to pastures new.

Have a good summer holiday

Yours sincerely

Eileen Eccles

Chair of Governors