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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to share our Ofsted inspection outcome report from our recent Section 8 Inspection.

Heath Lane Academy has been judged to have 'taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection' and therefore we remain a 'Good' school. This is a very pleasing outcome for our community as it validates the work that pupils, staff, school leaders and our community have done to secure high standards at Heath Lane Academy.

I am grateful for all the parents and carers who took the time to complete the Ofsted Parent Survey. The significant number of supportive comments you posted added to the positive experience Inspectors had during their visit. Inspectors recognised our clear mission of 'Developing Good People' and were impressed how our values of kindness, respect and hard work are embedded in the school. There are many highlights from the report, and we are most proud of the positive comments about our wonderful pupils:

"Pupils at Heath Lane Academy are happy and feel safe in school. They know that staff listen to them and act if they have any concerns. The school teaches pupils to treat each other with kindness and respect. Pupils describe the school as welcoming and inclusive."

"Pupils have a strong sense of belonging in the school. They voted for the values of work hard, be kind, and show respect, and they try to live by these values every day. The school is taking clear steps to improve attendance, ensuring that pupils understand the importance of being in school every day."

"The school focuses on reading and literacy so that pupils develop confidence and fluency. Pupils who need extra support get help through structured interventions. Teachers build subject-specific vocabulary into lessons across all subjects. Pupils regularly engage in reading activities during tutor time. This supports pupils to become better readers."

"Pupils value recognition for their efforts, with golden tickets and celebration assemblies motivating them to meet expectations. The 'principal's proud' award acknowledges pupils' best work, encouraging academic commitment."

Our Ofsted outcome is another indicator of the positive journey our school is on. The inspection report highlights many of the significant improvements that have taken place since the school joined United Learning. My leadership team are committed to continuing this journey and I look forward to updating you in the coming weeks with our exciting ambitions for our school.

Yours sincerely



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