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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Director of Schools and Learning in Haringey, I am writing to share important information about the revised Ofsted inspection framework, which came into effect in November 2025.

Under this new framework, Ofsted will no longer provide schools with a single overall grade such as “Outstanding” or “Requires Improvement.” Instead, schools will receive a report card using a five-point grading scale across several areas:

- Exceptional
- Strong Standard
- Expected Standard
- Needs Attention
- Urgent Improvement

It's important to note that these new grades cannot be directly compared with previous judgements. For example, the old judgement of Requires Improvement does not equate to Needs Attention, and Outstanding is not the same as Exceptional.

The grade Needs Attention is advisory, indicating that improvements are needed to reach the Expected Standard in that area. It is not a failure but highlights areas for development before they become more significant concerns requiring urgent improvement.

Ofsted continues to set high expectations, and the bar has been raised again. Using the new Ofsted Toolkit, most schools are expected to achieve the Expected Standard, which means the school is delivering an effective education and meeting all required standards. Some schools may achieve Strong Standard, while very few will be graded as Exceptional.

A school previously judged as Good that now receives Expected Standard may have improved provision for pupils but falls within the new banding because expectations are higher under this framework.

We are proud of our schools in Haringey and confident they are well prepared for their next inspection. Schools are generally inspected within four years of their last

inspection, but statutory requirements ensure this happens within five school years of the previous inspection.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the very best education for your children.

For more information about the Ofsted framework, please visit:

[Understanding Ofsted report cards and grades - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/understanding-ofsted-report-cards-and-grades)

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbI0FvY976g>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlpO-M6Zbrc>



Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jane Edwards'.

Jane Edwards
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