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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday, NJA led an external teaching and learning review, in conjunction with the Academy Trust and another national adviser who specialises in improving standards and outcomes for disadvantaged children.

The day was a huge success for our school community and I wanted to share this wonderful news with you all. As ever, I was so impressed and proud of my staff team and the way in which they strive to be the best for your children; we saw some great teaching and learning happening! The children, too, were a credit to themselves and were able to showcase how proud they are of our school.

Yesterday evening, Mrs Cavell, Chief Education Standards Officer for Waterton Academy Trust, sent me the following email:

Today's review demonstrated great leadership strength. The dynamics of your leadership team is very impressive and together you present a very compelling narrative around the school's journey towards outstanding. Throughout the day, reflection was honest and open which is why you have some finely tuned next steps to tweak and transform classroom practice.

Your classroom colleagues shone in their articulation of the school's approach to ensuring the challenges of disadvantage on learning for NJA pupils are overcome with rigour. They spoke with undeniable passion - what came across was a shared drive and determination to do the absolute max for every pupil.

It was a wonderful day spent with wonderful people doing great things for wonderful children. I share your pride.

Thank you for all you do to make a difference to the lives of children and colleagues at NJA.

I truly believe that NJA is moving forward in so many ways and we remain resolute with our determination to showcase excellence in all aspects of school life.

As our parent body, thank you for your continued support of the school and I'll continue to provide regular updates on how we are progressing with key school improvement priorities and strategies.

Many thanks,

Mr Welsh
Your very **proud** Headteacher

