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Dear families,

Wimbledon Park / West Wimbledon Partnership update

We are writing today with a significant update on the partnership work with West Wimbledon Primary School. This is part of our promise to you to provide timely information and communications as developments occur.

Ofsted has finalized the report on an inspection at West Wimbledon Primary School earlier this term on 12th and 13th September. The outcome of the inspection is that Ofsted has assessed WWPS as "requires improvement". This result was confidential and could not be disclosed to the communities of either school until the release of the report.

The governing bodies of both schools recognise that the Ofsted grading has an impact on the existing partnership; particularly the timeframe required to develop and see improvements at WWPS and address the areas highlighted by the Ofsted report.

The governing body and Senior Leadership Team of Wimbledon Park Primary School have met to consider the implications of the Ofsted findings and to review our actions in relation to the partnership. We remain committed to fulfil our civic responsibility to support other local schools where we can and to contribute to the development of the local education system in Merton that led to the creation of the partnership with West Wimbledon.

On this basis, the governing bodies of both schools have agreed to deepen and extend the existing partnership work beyond one year. The successful outcome of this work should lead to a rapid route back to West Wimbledon Primary School being assessed as an outstanding school, and be of long term benefit for both schools. In order to achieve this both schools will remain under the common leadership of Mr Lufkin.

While there will be more work over the next few weeks to define and agree the details of the deeper partnership arrangements, we wanted to circulate this initial communication now to confirm our commitment to working closely with West Wimbledon.

We appreciate you will have questions and comments in relation to this update and we invite you to attend an **information evening on Wednesday 10 October at 7pm in the Downey Hall**.

Yours sincerely

Emma Walshe and Susan Clucas
Co-Chairs of the Governing Body