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Dear Parents and Carers

On Friday The Vale Academy had a mock inspection led by Simon Webb (ex-lead HMI inspector). During the course of the day Simon spoke with children, parents, governors and staff, observed lessons, observed break time and spent a great deal with senior staff looking at predicted outcomes, safeguarding and internal monitoring and development processes. I am delighted to say that if this had been a 'real' 1 day inspection Simon would have recommended a second day inspection with a view to the academy being judged as 'outstanding' in all Ofsted categories.

As you know The Vale Academy is part of The Shared Learning Trust. Under the direction of our new CEO, Cathy Barr, the Trust has gone from strength to strength in terms of efficiency and continuing to raise standards. As part of the Trust's relentless drive to improve outcomes for our children I shall be stepping up as Executive Principal across the Primary phase of the Trust. This means that I will work across both the Linden and The Vale academies whilst working more extensively with other schools in Central Bedfordshire to improve outcomes for all of our children. Kate Hooft will be stepping up as Head of school at The Vale Academy.

These are exciting times for The Vale Academy as we continue to develop our 'outstanding' provision for our children and community.

If you would like to speak with me or Mrs Hooft about any of the above then please come and see us.

Have a good week.



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