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Dear Parents and Carers ,

Update On The Outcome Of Our Stage Three Complaint To Ofsted

We have now received a written outcome from Ofsted following the complaint we made to them. In the complaint we raised a number of areas of concern including that they had not addressed the issue of DBS checks adequately in earlier stages of the complaints process.

Ofsted have advised us that although the final judgement and grade will not change, they have upheld our complaint regarding DBS checks and have confirmed the following:

- That their earlier responses did not fully address all of the concerns and questions that we had raised on this aspect of the report
- There is no requirement for schools to repeat DBS safeguarding checks for staff once completed (as set out in the statutory guidance) apart from particular circumstances such as if leaders have concerns about conduct, or if there is a break in service or change of roles.

Therefore the school was fully compliant with all DBS and safeguarding checks at the time of the inspection and subsequently.

In their response Ofsted have apologised and all references to the renewal of DBS Check and the local authority advice have been removed from the report. The report has been republished with these changes on the Ofsted Website. We have been advised by our lawyers that it is very unusual for Ofsted to change any aspect of a report following the initial publication.

We now draw a line under this and look forward positively to the future partnership with The Bourne Education Trust. Discussions between leaders of Auriol and The Mead to agree ways in which we will be able to work closer together have already begun. As part of this we will be seeking parent views. A joint parent questionnaire will be sent out to parents later this term.

We are continuing to work hard to implement the remaining actions to address the recommendations in the OFSTED report, nearly all of which have now been completed.

We want to assure you again that your children are very safe in our school and that they continue to be looked after, happy and well taught.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support of the school and we remain "PROUD TO BELONG"

Yours faithfully

Mrs T Creasey

Mrs N Rogers

Headteacher

Chair of Governors

