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Dear Parents and Carers

This is just a brief letter to provide a link to the Department for Education, performance table website. The link shows the provisional performance data for the school and the authority. These outcomes will be confirmed later in the academic year, but in reality, they change by very small margins at school level or even nationally, generally as remarks are added into the original national and school results. I think it is unlikely, therefore, that our outcomes will change significantly, but I do think Progress 8 will rise slightly to +0.27, possible +0.28, with some underlying positive changes to attainment outcomes:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=344&geographic=la&for=secondary>

I think that the results broadly speak for themselves and I am very proud of all the work and effort that parents, staff and your children have put into these results.

If I could just, however, focus on two areas, as these speak volumes with regard to just how hard everyone has worked. Every single pupil group: ability, boy/girl, SEND etc., all made progress better than national and similarly, all four of the broad aspects of the Progress 8 calculation, that is the whole curriculum offer, are positive as well. This is not an everyday occurrence in schools, we will be one of a small group of schools with this profile in the North West.

Equally, attendance to school is above national and significantly above the local authority average. I write this recognising that some absence is unfortunately inevitable. We have seen families and children returning to school, in various year groups after life threatening illness and incredibly challenging circumstances. Regrettably, there are too many to mention individually, but one young man in last year's Year 11, was an inspiration to us all. I am aware of the effort this requires from parents, especially given how difficult some circumstances are and I would like to thank you all for what you do, because if your children come to school, you are helping them to achieve what are again, very strong outcomes. In turn, our children then have greater choices and that whilst these are not measured on the league table, they are surely the point of education; empowering our children and giving them a greater range of choices.

I want to say a big thank you to all of the staff, governors and students, but thank you again for all of your support, it clearly makes a huge difference for many children.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Flanagan
Headteacher