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Dear Parent / Carer

Ofsted Inspection January 27th and 28th 2010

As many of you will know we had an Ofsted Inspection two weeks ago.

I am delighted to inform you that the inspection was overall a very positive one and I have attached a summary of some of the comments contained within the report. The areas for development are those we had already highlighted.

Your son / daughter will have been given a letter from the lead inspector which sums up their views.

The full report can be found on the Ofsted website (www.ofsted.gov.uk/) by following the link to Inspection Reports. It will be posted on the website within five working days.

If you would like a hard copy of the report please contact Jacqueline Joyce on 01793 426939 who will arrange for it to be posted to you.

Thank you again for your support – we are well and truly on our way to even greater success.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Shadick
Principal

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OFSTED Summary of Key Points

Main Findings

- Swindon Academy is a satisfactory but rapidly improving school.
- The curriculum is creative and there is a positive climate for learning.
- There is a definite drive to raise standards.
- Standards are improving. This steep improvement is on track to be sustained.
- Children make good progress in the Nursery and Reception.
- Almost all Sixth Form students are on target.
- The leadership team sets a clear direction for the Academy and staff at all levels share a common determination to continually improve.

Outcomes

- Pupils are growing in their confidence as successful learners.
- Improvements in the quality of teaching and in the curriculum are matched by positive changes in pupils' attitudes to learning and their behaviour.
- Pupils are making better progress and for many this is at some pace.

Provision

- Almost 2/3 of the teaching seen was good.
- In these lessons there was a buzz about them as pupils participate enthusiastically.
- The broad curriculum is tailored well to meet the pupils' needs, interests and abilities.
- Pastoral care systems are strong.

Leadership and Management

- The Academy is well led.
- High expectations and ambitious targets are set for staff and pupils.

Areas for Development

1. To raise standards further.
2. To continue to improve the quality of teaching.
3. To improve outcomes in the Sixth Form.