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Dear Parent / Carer

You may remember that we were visited by Ofsted during the first full week of the term. At the time our new leadership team had been at Wix for four working days and I had already written to you to explain that there were many issues to be addressed. Some eight weeks later the Ofsted inspection team have finalised their report, which has been published on their website. Please go to <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/> and type in Wix Primary School or type in: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/101025> or if you would like a paper copy please ask in the office.

As you are aware, there are many issues that need to be addressed at Wix. The report outlines the inspectors' concerns and places the school in the Ofsted category of 'special measures'. We immediately addressed all of the safeguarding issues raised. Rebecca Osuntokun has communicated our actions to you in a series of newsletters. We at Wix take your children's safety very seriously. The overall outcome was the category I predicted last term, following a very brief one day review of the school and discussions with staff in the summer term. Many issues were apparent before we agreed to work with the school and others have been raised with me since then. The Ofsted report lists some of these issues. You may or may not agree with all the points raised, but these are the opinions of three inspectors who were at Wix – two of them for two days, and one for one day.

As a new leadership team at the beginning of September, we knew what needed to be done and our aim was to address the issues as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, the Ofsted inspection took place at the first possible moment in the term, before we could make any significant impact on the school. Please be assured that we will (and have started to) address all the issues listed by Ofsted and others that you and we know need to be addressed.

When I first joined West Hill Primary in my first headship in 1997 there were many issues to be addressed. When I joined Belleville Primary in 2000 there were many issues to be addressed. I have since been asked to support many other primary schools with issues to address, such as Hillbrook, Ravenstone and Churchfields. My career has been based on helping schools improve and helping provide children with the very best education. As a National Leader of Education that is what I agree to do and that is what we will do at Wix.

Our overriding interest is to ensure your children are safe and receive the education which they and you deserve. The staff of Wix, supported by colleagues from Belleville, have been working tirelessly to improve the provision offered to your children. As a team, we started on this journey before the inspectors arrived and we will continue long into the future. I am aware that Wix has had a period of instability with a number of headteachers and a high level of staff movement. We now aim to provide a period of stability and improvement. We are driven by the desire to provide the best possible education for your children.



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When the governors of Wix invited me to join the school, they were keen to actively pursue a closer relationship with Belleville. Links between the two schools will help secure improvements at Wix and ensure that we provide an excellent education for your children now and into the future. The two staff teams are working increasingly closely together and this is already having a positive impact on the quality of the provision we can offer your children. Schools placed in Special Measures have to become an academy as part of a Multi Academy Trust. Belleville has the status of an academy sponsor. We are working closely with the Department for Education, the Local Authority and the governors of both schools to formalise the links between the two schools. The Ofsted Report will help us to forge ahead and it is our hope and intention that we will be able to create a close formal link between the two schools in early 2017. The plans are under development. We hope to be able to confirm the official position shortly.

Our intention is to retain the unique nature of Wix while also improving the education for all children. We will be retaining both the bilingual classes and our close relationship with the École de Wix: in fact we believe the relationship with our French colleagues will be enhanced by these developments.

If you want to discuss any issues then please do approach myself or any members of our senior teams. Senior members of staff are available in the playground at the start and end of each day. We are also organising an open evening where we will share with you some of the improvements we have initiated to improve our school. This will take place on Monday, 14th November 2016 at 5:30 pm and will include input from myself and members of our senior teams from Wix and Belleville.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours

John Grove
Executive Headteacher



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