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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

Following a lengthy moderation process by Ofsted our inspection report and judgment have finally been published. The report is available on the school website and has been attached to the SchoolComms message sent out. The report will also be published on the Ofsted website in five working days.

As you know Chiltern Edge School had a full Ofsted inspection in 2012 and was judged to be "Good" in all categories. The Ofsted inspection framework gives great weight to examination results, student progress over time and the progress of specific groups of students. We have faced a number of challenges that, combined with a fall in the Key Stage 4 examination results of 2016, have led to the Ofsted decision to place the school in Special Measures.

It is extremely disappointing that despite the best efforts of staff, students and parents the inspectors have reached this conclusion. The Local Authority is providing support to the school while the consequences of this judgement are considered. However, when a school has been judged as inadequate, the Local Authority is required to consider the closure of a school as one of the two reorganisation options, the other being opening Chiltern Edge as a sponsored academy. The Local Authority has indicated its intention to begin the consultation process on the possible closure of Chiltern Edge School. Further information will be provided for parents and the local community by the LA later this week. The Local Authority will also be holding an information evening for parents to explain more about the consultation process on Wednesday, 3rd May at Chiltern Edge School (timings to be confirmed).

We will continue to keep you informed of any further developments. Meanwhile we would ask that you disregard any information in the media unless it is consistent with information you have received from the school. We will be speaking to students tomorrow.

Inevitably this is a time of great concern and uncertainty for everyone but I assure you that everything possible will be done to safeguard the education and progress of our students.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Conway
Acting Chair of Governors

