



**8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you're keeping well and had a lovely bank holiday weekend.

I wanted to make you aware that the Trust recently received a Notice to Improve from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). This is a formal notification which sets out the area(s) for a Trust to improve in order to be fully compliant with the Academy Trust Handbook. In our case, this notice relates to an isolated matter linked to a single payment made in Autumn 2023.

We are treating this matter very seriously and have been working rapidly with the relevant agencies to resolve it as quickly as possible. We are also encouraged that the ESFA has acknowledged the "positive action the Trust has taken" to date to address this. Similarly, with the full support of Mowbray's senior leadership team and the Board, we are confident in our approach and the immediate actions we are taking to achieve this.

Please be assured that this will not impact teaching and learning, your child's schooling or the overall operation of our Trust and schools. However, I wanted to ensure you were aware of this information as transparency is a key part of Mowbray's ethos, and as always, we appreciate your ongoing support.

If you have any questions, please contact me and I'll do my best to support you.

Thank you again.

Yours Sincerely,

Christine Stansfield  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Mowbray Education Trust**