

Friday 24th March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

As promised in our letter to you on 3rd February, I am writing to you again to give you a progress report on all of the work taking place to improve our school.

All of the staff, led by the Acting Principal Emma Nicholls and myself, are all making great strides on the journey to take Darlinghurst in the right direction towards becoming a 'Good' school as judged by Ofsted.

Obviously there is still a great deal of work to be done and as I mentioned in my previous letter we have a detailed action plan in place with demanding targets that need to be met. Our progress is being overseen by the school's Rapid Improvement Board and the impact of our work is being monitored and challenged by the members of the board at fortnightly meetings.

I thought it would be helpful to share some of the progress we have made so far:

- We know how every single child is progressing thanks to regular meetings where teachers are challenged on students' performance with pupil progress protocols put in place
- There are regular learning walks throughout the school to share and encourage best practice
- Our leadership team are working in the classrooms with the staff focussing on quality first teaching
- Key roles and responsibilities have been developed for all of our staff and levels of leadership are clear
- We continue to ensure that all our children are moving forward in their learning and are stretched and challenged
- We have set clearer standards of presentation in their written work which is rewarded with praise and recognition. I'm sure you are all proud of your children when you see them bringing home postcards of achievement, awarded to them by Mrs Nicholls

We are also working on a refreshed branding and look for the school which will help us to move forward. More details on that will be available as soon as it is ready but I would like to take the opportunity to thank those parents who were part of the focus group that we held a couple of weeks ago.

These are just some of the highlights and there is a lot more work to be done. I would like to reassure you all that all of the Darlinghurst staff and the Legra Academy Trust are passionate about ensuring that all of the children are nurtured, happy and enjoy school and are given the skills to learn effectively.

Thank you again for supporting us on our journey of improvement.

Yours sincerely,

Bev Williams
CEO, Legra Academy Trust