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Dear parents of Year 5 at Corby Old Village School

### **Choosing a secondary school for your child**

I know that the decision about which secondary school to choose for your child in 2022 is a big one. I also know that for many of you, Lodge Park Academy is unlikely to be a school you would consider.

Lodge Park Academy has a rating of 'Special Measures' from Ofsted. Since being given that rating, the academy has been completely transformed. It is now unrecognisable as the school described in the report. Instead, we have a school where classrooms are totally disruption-free, corridors are safe and calm and students thrive in a culture of respect and achievement.

Sadly, Ofsted inspections have been suspended due to the pandemic. This means we are unlikely to have our Ofsted rating changed for the near future. However, we hope to have achieved a rating of 'Good' by the time your child attends Secondary school, we hope this will make you feel more confident about choosing Lodge Park Academy for your child.

We are running a 'live' online open evening on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. This is open to all and can be accessed by visiting our website, **clicking Parent Information -> Admissions and click "Virtual Open Evening"**. In addition to our open evening, you will find a range of resources on our website that will give you an insight into what it is like to be a student at Lodge Park Academy.

There are schools in Corby and the surrounding towns with Ofsted ratings of 'Good' and 'Outstanding' that I know will be attractive choices for you for your child. Lodge Park Academy will join those schools in having one of those ratings in the future, but for now I would be so pleased if you would give us the chance to tell you about the special brilliance of our school. I have included some parental feedback below which I hope give you a sense of how much our school has improved.

If you would like to contact me personally to have a conversation, please do. Call 01536 202817 or email [lpa-head@lodgeparkacademy.co.uk](mailto:lpa-head@lodgeparkacademy.co.uk) I absolutely love Lodge Park Academy and I have complete confidence that all our students will flourish, thrive and exceed their potential.

Yours faithfully



C Waterman  
Principal

***We would just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone at LPA on how you have kept all the parents and students up to date with vital information and shown fantastic support to us all through this pandemic. LPA have always reassured the parents and children that their wellbeing is the most important factor through Covid and although school work is just as important their wellbeing comes first. The weekly telephone calls home have been extremely helpful especially if any concerns arose. Our daughter is in year 10 and like most was concerned regarding her studies again LPA stepped up and provided live lessons and also offered onsite provision to year 10 which was really useful. Our son will be joining LPA in September and again the level of information has been fantastic. I don't think LPA gets the recognition it should and we for one cannot thank you enough.***

**Well, what can we say that has not already been said? Thank you from the bottom our hearts for handling this awful, worrying, scary time with so much care, support, empathy and encouragement.**

**We are proud that our son goes to such a great school. The connection between him and his teachers has really shone through and the help and support he has received has been outstanding.**

**Team LPA you have smashed it!**

***My Year 7 son has been part of the school production and is an anti-bullying ambassador. This school has brought him on in leaps and bounds his new found confidence is amazing.***

**There is so much more consistency now, which is so important. It is clear from the massive improvement in behaviour. My son found it very challenging previously because of the consistency and structure just wasn't there. The difference is remarkable.**

***I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for working so hard to improve the school and ultimately for giving the students a much better education than was previously available to them.***