



23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, the Academy has been placed in Special Measures. While we acknowledge the outcome, the Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team do not believe that the judgement provides an accurate reflection of the Academy's current performance. TAN Lower and Sanctuary continue to demonstrate strong practice of education, and we are disappointed that this strength has not been represented proportionately within the outcome.

We want to reassure you that we are taking this matter extremely seriously. Alongside this, we are engaging with the Local Authority and wider partners to ensure leadership capacity remains strong and that the Academy continues to receive the support it needs. **The Board of Trustees have already agreed to make significant investment to accelerate improvements and strengthen the provision for all learners.**

Our commitment to our learners, staff, and community remains unwavering. We will continue to provide strong leadership and support to ensure that every child receives the high-quality education they deserve.

We have already begun implementing a series of immediate actions to address the areas identified by Ofsted. We also want to strengthen our partnership with parents and carers. Over the coming months, we will offer a series of planned opportunities for you to meet with Trustees and senior leaders. These sessions will allow open discussion, questions, and proactive engagement around improvement work, priorities, and next steps.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in us. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

The full report can be accessed by [clicking here](#)

Yours faithfully,

Lynn McNally
CEO of Trinity Academy Newcastle Trust

Michael McHugh
Chair of the Board of Trustees

