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Notre Dame educates the whole person: Head, Heart and Hands

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Multi Academy Trust, Plymouth CAST, has written a letter to all parents across the Trust (35 schools from Poole to Penzance) which can be accessed on our website.

This is in response to a Financial Notice to Improve which was issued to Plymouth CAST by the ESFA last week. I would like to reassure you that Notre Dame's particular financial situation remains strong, as we have been saving in anticipation of the impact of reduced national secondary funding and the lower numbers across the city in the current Years 10 to 12.

Notre Dame has set a balanced budget and we successfully meet national benchmarks for staffing and spending. The Financial Notice to Improve is imposed on the system for central management of CAST funds, rather than on any particular school. The letter suggests that in the medium term there may be an impact on staffing levels across the Trust, where there is already overstaffing in schools.

I wish to reassure you that our teacher/pupil ratio at Notre Dame is and will remain equal to the national average for secondary schools of 16:1 and so we are not likely to be affected in the medium term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "K M White". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mrs K White
Headteacher