Dear Mr Taylor

**Removal from special measures**

I am writing to congratulate you, your staff, the interim executive board, parents, carers and pupils on the decision that King’s Leadership Academy Liverpool no longer requires special measures. I also note that the leadership and management of the school were judged to be good.

I know that progress is the result of hard work and commitment on the part of many people, especially you and your staff. You have successfully created a culture of high expectations for what pupils can achieve. Your passion and vision have contributed immeasurably to the swift improvements seen so far.

I am pleased to read that the quality of teaching and learning is good, with teachers benefiting from high quality training that has helped them to improve their practice. Planning and assessment are being used effectively to help teachers understand what stage pupils are at in their learning. Teachers also check pupils’ understanding during lessons and use feedback effectively to help pupils improve their work.

It is encouraging to read that a culture of learning is now the prevailing atmosphere in the school and that pupils’ behaviour has improved significantly.

I hope you and your staff are celebrating the success of all the efforts made on the journey out of special measures, which may well have included some difficult times. I trust you agree that the progress made has been made to the benefit of the pupils in your care.

I wish you every success in your continuing drive for further improvement in the months and years ahead.

Yours sincerely

Sir Michael Wilshaw