

15 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We are proud to now be able to share the outcome of our most recent Ofsted inspection which took place on the 15th & 16th of November, with yourselves. Our inspection as many of you will be aware took place over two days and the inspectors spent time with staff at all levels of the Academy, talked with a wide range of students across all year groups and listened to the voice of parents both through questionnaires and through face-to-face conversations. The vast majority of these interactions were extremely positive and I am pleased to be able to say that our Academy has retained our Good judgment and our EYFS has been judged to be outstanding, the strongest Ofsted grade a primary in our community has ever achieved.

Please see the judgements as set out on the Ofsted report.

Overall effectiveness: Good
The quality of education: Good
Behaviour and attitudes: Good
Personal development: Good
Leadership and management: Good
Early years provision: Outstanding
Previous inspection grade: Good

I am sure that you have seen reports in the news recently about Ofsted and the way in which they conduct inspections, I would like to say at all points inspectors behaved professionally and we believe they conducted a rigorous yet fair inspection.

I have to comment that as you will see for the report, a small minority of our boys in key stage 3 did not meet our expectations for behaviour over the 2 days and did not portray our Academy or our community in the way that we and you would have wanted them to. Therefore, developing our support for them will be one of the areas for improvement which is set out in the report.

However, the vast majority of the report is positive and shows our Academy in the light that the whole Academy family deserves – we have taken some of the key points below.

Pupils in both the primary and secondary phases know that they are looked after by kind staff who have their best interests at heart.

There are a range of leadership opportunities available for both primary and secondary pupils. These pupil leaders are proud to be role models for younger pupils and to represent their school to visitors.

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Children in the early years setting rapidly learn their letters and the sounds these letters make. Many children do not have English as a first language. The transformation they undergo as they embrace learning to read, alongside all the other learning opportunities staff make available, is startling.

In the early years' foundation stage, the adaptations to the curriculum provide the right support with the right challenge so that all children rapidly gain the important knowledge they need to be ready for Year 1.

There is a respectful atmosphere. Across the school, bullying is rare. Most pupils are confident to report any concerns, including about bullying, to a trusted adult. They know that staff will quickly act to help them.

The school is determined to develop pupils' character and their confidence and to contribute to their community.

The school is diligent in protecting pupils. Staff have the training they need to spot the signs that a pupil may be at risk of harm.

The comment that we are most proud of, and we believe epitomises the work of the Academy opens our report and is testament to the hard work of all of our staff and students over the last 9 years and of you and our community's support.

This is an inclusive school that is committed to doing the best for its pupils and their community. There is a relentless focus on ensuring that pupils benefit from a high-quality education that will serve them well in their next steps.

There is a link contained within our text to you that will take you to the report on the Academy website or alternatively you can log in at <https://www.oasisacademydonvalley.org/about-us/ofsted-reports> and you will find the report on this page.

I am sure that you will join me in saying thank you to all of the staff across the Academy for the hard work that they have put in to helping our Academy to develop and we are now in a place to build on this success as the Academy enters the next phase of its journey.

Kindest Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pape'.

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