



18 July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of the recent full Section 5 Ofsted Inspection on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The Inspectors, led by HMI Harry Ingham have found that the Academy "Requires Improvement" with a "Good" 16 – 19 provision.

The full report is available on the Ofsted page of our Academy website [www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/about-us/ofsted-reports](http://www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/about-us/ofsted-reports), and will also be available from the DfE website [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) as from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

I am pleased that the Inspectors have recognised that in my year of headship "the principal has identified correctly the strengths and weaknesses of the school. She has a deep understanding of the challenges the school faces." The Inspectors have seen evidence of the drive that Oasis Community Trust brings to the Academy to enable us to improve the education and outcomes for all young people in our care.

The Inspectors were able to see the impact of our behaviour policy and noted "lessons are calm and purposeful, and current pupils make increasingly strong progress because they can concentrate in lessons." "Stronger teaching practice is becoming increasingly more widespread because of leaders' focus on improving behaviour and teaching strategies. Consequently, pupils, and particularly disadvantaged pupils, are making better progress in some subjects such as English, Science, Construction and Physical Education."

Safeguarding is effective at the Academy and our pupils feel safe. "Pupils feel well cared for by committed staff. There are strong relationships between pastoral staff and pupil, and pupils know who to go to if they need support."

The report acknowledges the journey that we are on, and highlights the improvements we must make. These are reflective of and in agreement with the Academy's self-assessment plans. We are aware of what needs to be improved; there are now solid procedures in place to ensure that these improvements are made. The most significant improvement at this moment is the merge of the two campuses so we can strengthen our resources. I am pleased to report that the work to prepare the Minster Campus has started this week, earlier than scheduled, to build a school that is purposeful in delivering outcomes that will lead our young people to future success.

Please note that whilst building work is in progress, the Minster Campus will be closed to all visitors. Parents wishing to make uniform purchases may do so on the West Campus from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August from 9:00am – 2:30pm.

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The Inspectors reported that "although attendance is improving for some pupils, persistent absence is too high and overall attendance is too low." Parents and students are aware that improving attendance has been our priority focus, and we will continue to work to drive down absence as well as persistent absence. Having an excellent attendance is vital for children to do well in school. Thank you to parents for booking holidays outside of term time. Your continued support fosters the foundations for strong work ethics which children model for a positive attitude to learning and success.

Thank you also to all the parents that have taken the time to complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire. I am encouraged that the majority responded positively about the leadership of the school and were pleased with the care and support that pupils received. 83% of parents informed Ofsted that they agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend the school to others.

Finally, as the year draws to an end, I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and pleasant summer break. We will take this time to rest so we may return in September invigorated and with renewed energy to continue to make Oasis Academy a school our children and the community deserves.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Lee", is positioned below the "Yours faithfully" text.

Miss Tina Lee  
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