

20th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today with encouraging news for the Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey family, following our Ofsted monitoring visit in July. In their report which I enclose with this letter, inspectors have found that the school is "taking effective action in order for the school to become a good school".

The report highlights the improvements made to our curriculum, behaviour and attendance since the last inspection in July 2019 and inspectors are confident that staff at the academy are clear about what still needs to be done "to develop sharper and clearer improvement plans" and notes that "leadership support is being put in place to achieve this."

As you know, we are passionate about every student making excellent progress and having the opportunities that they deserve to flourish. The inspectors recognised that "the academy has raised expectations of what students can and will achieve. With the support of officers from the trust, the academy is in the process of introducing a broader and more ambitious curriculum." It praises our decision to "rightly give top priority to promoting students' reading skills and literacy across all subjects."

The report also notes the work we are doing to improve pupils' emotional resilience and behaviour, and the students and staff who inspectors spoke to noted that classes are calmer and more focused as a result. There is more work for us to do on this issue.

We appreciate the valuable feedback the report contains on what we as a school need to continue to work on. This includes "refining systems already in place so that pupils' attendance improves, and persistent absence is reduced", and ensuring that all subjects are ambitious and challenging for all pupils.

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This report reflects where we are as a school now - a safe, happy and improving school, with a keen focus on delivering the best possible education for all students. I am grateful to the staff for all of their hard work every day and thank you too for your support and for those who took the time to complete Ofsted's Parent View questionnaire.

If you have any questions or queries about the report, I would be pleased to discuss these with you. You can view the full report on our website, by visiting <a href="https://www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/about-us/ofsted-reports">https://www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/about-us/ofsted-reports</a>.

Yours sincerely,

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