

Thursday November 23rd 2023

Response to Ofsted Inspection - Letter to Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to share that Spa Academy Askern recently underwent a two-day Graded Inspection by Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education). The official report, set to be released before the end of term (pending moderation), will be shared with you once available.

Ahead of the report's release, we wanted to express our joy and reflect on some of the most noteworthy comments from the inspectors. The inspection covered various activities, including teaching and learning observations, pupil interviews, staff interviews, work scrutiny, subject 'deep dives' (Reading, Maths, DT & PE) and a safeguarding compliance check. At the end of the Inspection, Inspectors fed back to Trust Leaders, Academy Leaders and Governors.

We take pride in the significant progress made since the last inspection in May 2018, and this was recognised by the Inspection team. We expect the forthcoming report to highlight many positive areas and to acknowledge the improvements that have been made across the school since we joined Leger Education Trust in June 2019. At the end of our inspection, Inspectors commented that:

The school is aspirational for pupils' achievement.

Leaders have reviewed the **curriculum** and have strengthened some curriculum areas, thinking carefully about what we want pupils to know and remember.

The school has high expectations of pupils' behaviour.

Leaders have ensured that the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are quickly identified and supported well.

Leaders have ensured that thorough **safeguarding** procedures are in place.

There are positive relationships between adults and pupils across school. As a result, pupils know how to raise a concern and they trust that staff will always help them.

Leaders and governors are passionate about the school.

The Personal Development curriculum is strong.

This feedback we received during the inspection reflected our self-evaluation and highlighted that we are focusing on the right areas of improvement for Spa Academy Askern to rapidly become the school we all know that it can be – *Better Never Stops*.

We acknowledge the capacity for further improvement at Spa Academy Askern, and continue to strive for excellence - *truly great students in truly great schools*.

We want to thank all our parents and carers for your support. A school is built by a community working together for the benefit of its pupils, in partnership.



Coming together is a
beginning. Keeping together
is progress. Working
together is success.

–Henry Ford

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Anderson'.

E Anderson
Headteacher