



Friday 12th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Ofsted Inspection outcome

I am delighted to inform you that the final Ofsted inspection report from our two-day section 8 inspection held on 5th and 6th March 2024 accompanies this covering letter. The report will also be accessible via the school website today and published on the official Ofsted report website.

The purpose of a section 8 inspection is to gauge whether a school continues to be 'good' as indicated in our previous report from 2019, or to ascertain whether there is evidence to suggest a school is above or below its original grading.

It gives me great pleasure to share that His Majesty's Inspector and team believed there is enough evidence of sustained performance to indicate that the school continues to be GOOD if a section 5 inspection were to be conducted.

I am delighted that the hard work undertaken by the Oasis Academy Lister Park staff and community has been recognised, including the following comments on our quality of provision:

- This is a **caring school**. Leaders have created a **culture where positive relationships are important**.
- The arrangements for **safeguarding are effective**.
- **Pupils say that they feel safe, and that staff care about their well-being**.
- Leaders are providing pupils, including students in the sixth form, with a **high-quality education**.
- The **curriculum is delivered well**, and pupils say that they are encouraged to work hard. As a result, pupils flourish in their learning.
- Leaders have created a **highly inclusive environment to support pupils and families**.
- **Teachers manage behaviour well, and the school is calm and orderly**.

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The report itself highlights the many elements of effective provision at Oasis Academy Lister Park as well as the next steps needed to take the academy forward. What is very satisfying is that the next steps identified were already within our local improvement plan prior to this inspection and the associated adaptations are already underway.

What does the school need to do to improve?

- **Attendance for some pupils is too low.** The school should sharpen its approach to the tracking of absence to secure improvements in pupils' attendance.
- **The strategic approaches to support pupils with SEND are quite new.** The school should accelerate its work in closing gaps in learning so that pupils with SEND achieve as well as their peers.


In summary:

This is an excellent report, particularly at a time when the benchmark for 'Good' is at the highest level it has ever been. The Ofsted inspection was thorough, robust and professionally rigorous. The academy leadership team and I were open and transparent around all aspects of school life and had shared much evidence to support the inspection process. It was very clear the inspection team understood the importance of the Oasis Ethos and the 9 habits as central to our work in educating the whole child. We will continue to strive for an "exceptional education at the heart of the community" as a school.

I would like to thank the parents/carers who have supported the academy during this time since the last inspection, particularly during the pandemic period which was immensely challenging.

Finally, may I thank all those involved in the inspection itself, especially our staff, Oasis Community Learning Trust, and most importantly our students who shone during the inspection process and continue to make positive contributions to life at Oasis Academy Lister Park.

Yours sincerely,

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

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