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Dear parent/carer

### **Ofsted Report**

I am pleased to share with you the most recent Ofsted report. **Outwood Academy Ormesby is now officially a GOOD school!**

I would like to highlight the following points from the report:

- The executive principal and associate principal have only one agenda and that is to transform the life chances of the pupils in their care.
- They are relentless in their ambition to bring about rapid, transformational improvements to the school. This team is tearing down barriers to learning successfully, at a remarkable and breathtaking speed.
- In a remarkably short time since becoming a part of the Outwood family of schools, the pervasive poor leadership of the past has been eradicated at every level.
- The curriculum provides a wide range of both academic and vocational qualifications. It now meets the needs of pupils with different aptitudes and interests.
- Leaders have taken effective action in developing the quality of teaching, which is now good. Pupils' learning is strengthening quickly because lessons are well planned and meet their needs.
- Support for disadvantaged pupils and also for those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities is effective. Pupils are making good progress.
- The behaviour of pupils has improved immeasurably since the last inspection. Some pupils still need to choose to comply with rules and develop positive attitudes to learning.
- There is a culture of safeguarding that permeates the school.
- Teachers know their pupils well and carefully plan lessons to engage and capture their interest. They are highly aware of pupils' learning needs and also of their prior knowledge.
- Pupils benefit from very high-quality resources.
- Some pupils are quickly developing into confident and self-assured learners.
- Pupils' books show that they have real pride in their work. Work is neatly presented and pupils are increasingly acting on advice from their teachers regarding how to improve.

We are delighted with the report and I'd like to ask for your help in working on the following points made by the lead inspector:

- **Attendance** - Leaders use every possible means to support parents in ensuring that their children attend school. Despite this work, **too many pupils do not attend as regularly as they should.**
- Leaders should improve attendance by ensuring that all parents, pupils and staff understand their role in securing good attendance.

**You can help us by making sure that your child attends school on time, every day. No excuses.**

This is fantastic news for everyone in the community. As parents, you are sending your children to a GOOD school and you can have every confidence that we are determined to make this an OUTSTANDING school because our students – your children – deserve it. I know that with your help and support, we can make this happen together.

Yours faithfully

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