



Hollington Primary School

The Pioneer Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

I am pleased to share our recent Ofsted report with you, following an inspection earlier this month.

As you may know, schools are now graded across a five-point scale and 'expected standard' is the benchmark for high-performing schools doing everything they should. I am delighted to let you know that we reached this expected standard in all areas, including achievement, attendance and behaviour, curriculum and teaching, early years, inclusion, leadership and governance, and personal development and wellbeing.

We are particularly proud that Ofsted recognised that Hollington is “an inclusive school where leaders and staff know their pupils well”. It is also brilliant to hear that parents value the work Hollington has done to strengthen our school community. Inspectors noted that our staff have high ambitions for all pupils to achieve well and, importantly, pupils enjoy attending Hollington. Hollington is also praised for offering pupils experiences they might not otherwise have, with the Pioneer Passport mentioned as adding to pupils’ understanding of the world they live in.

The report reflects the significant progress we have seen at Hollington over the past few years since joining The Pioneer Academy.

I hope you will read the report in full, however I have summarised some of the key points inspectors highlighted:

- Pupils typically achieve well from their starting points and pupils who need additional support receive this at the right time. This helps them to make suitable progress.
- The school feels calm and settled. Pupils respect each other and the adults they work with. They feel safe and do not worry about unkindness or bullying.
- In lessons, pupils show positive attitudes to learning and take pride in the work they produce.
- Leaders have designed a broad curriculum which is well planned. They keep the curriculum under careful review and prioritise improvements.
- From the early years, staff establish warm and nurturing relationships with children. They help them to successfully settle into school.
- Leaders’ actions to reduce absence, including persistent absence, are having a positive impact.
- The trust has ensured that, across its governance structure, there are effective processes in place to enable governors and trustees to make the checks they need to so they can assure themselves about the school’s performance.
- Leaders take proactive steps to develop positive relationships with parents and carers and this is central to the school’s approach.
- Leaders seek pupils’ input to find out the types of clubs that would spark their interest and act on this where possible. For example, pupils now have access to a 3-D model making club.

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Safeguarding standards have been met. This means all legal requirements are met, and our school has an open and positive culture of safeguarding.

As well as our excellent pupils and staff, I want to thank you for your ongoing support, which allows us to work so well together and focus on providing the best educational experience possible for every child.

We look forward to building on this success together with you. Please do get in touch in the usual way if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Grace McDougall
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