

19th May 2025

Re: Response to Ofsted Report.

Dear Parent,

Please find a copy of our Ofsted report dated 25th March 2025.

I am pleased that we now meet standards and I recognise the significant work that has been carried out in relation to the safeguarding and other key areas of the school.

We also looked for an increase in numbers of students, what is known as a material change. The Inspection response to this was deeply disappointing:

- *'The school's curriculum is not designed or sequenced to ensure progression in learning for pupils [...] Also, the school does not have a discrete post 16 curriculum.'*

This is not the case. Inspectors were shown this, but it appears that they did not understand the format this was produced in. The school has taken advice and is reworking the school curriculum's presentation in a way that has been successfully scrutinised in other settings.

- *'The school's behaviour policy that includes some sanctions and keeps a record of sanctions. However, the school's policy is not rigorous enough with regard to different levels of sanctions.'*

Falcons Learning is a Special School with a cohort of learners with very individual needs. This is why we do not produce a 'one size fits all' sanctions schedule. During the visit we tried to demonstrate that we invest our time in interventions to prevent the behavioural issues. We attempted to physically show the inspectors this. They declined to look at the reports. It is evident that they did not understand the proven academic basis for our policies.

There is learning for the school here in that we again could make the format of our policy look more like mainstream – but we will not change our ethos.

There will be no move over to punitive from preventative behaviour management.

I am deeply proud of the work our staff do and the progress our children make. I believe in what we do, wholeheartedly.

We will continue to provide the best we can for your children. We won't sell out our principles; but we will have to make some changes to what we show to our scrutineers. I will continue to lead Falcons Learning to achieve these things.

Yours faithfully,



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