



READ SCHOOL

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21st November 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October 2022 Inspection Report Results

I am delighted to attach a copy of our Independent Schools Inspectorate Report from the Focused Compliance Inspection of Read School which was conducted from 12th to 13th October. The inspection was our first since March 2018 and over the course of the two days, this was conducted rigorously and comprehensively.

A Focused Compliance Inspection looks at the requirements of the statutory framework for education and decides whether the school is meeting expectations. This is a binary inspection and is therefore graded as a 'pass' or a 'fail'. Schools which do not pass compliance are given mandatory actions for improvement and receive a follow up inspection at a later date.

Inspectors review in detail paperwork, logs, registers, communications, complaints and many other records; they also privately interview staff and pupils. They also review parent and pupil questionnaires conducted prior to the inspection to see if there are areas which need to be investigated. During this inspection, the Boarding House and Medical centre was also inspected, to ensure that they were compliant with the National Minimum Standards (NMS). The following criteria are inspected:

- Quality of Education provided – Judgement: Read School MET these requirements;
- Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development of pupils (SMSC) – Judgement: Read School MET these requirements;
- Welfare, health and safety of pupils – Judgement: Read School MET these requirements;
- Suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors – Judgement: Read School MET these requirements;
- Premises of and accommodation at schools – Judgement: Read School MET these requirements;
- Provision of information – Judgement: Read School MET these requirements;
- Manner in which complaints are handled – Judgement: Read School MET these requirements;
- Quality of leadership in and management of schools – Judgement: Read School MET these requirements.

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We were obviously delighted at having met all of the statutory requirements although we have of course noted any recommendations from the inspection team and any opportunities for further improvements. A copy of our School Improvement Plan for 2022-2023 will be shortly shared with parents as part of the Annual Governance report package that is currently being prepared by the Board of Governors.

In conclusion, I would like to thank parents for their positive endorsement of the School in the ISI parent survey. Although detailed comments were not shared with us, we were delighted to note the extremely high overall satisfaction rate of 97%. We will shortly be following up with our own survey to elicit your further views on a variety of aspects of our provision.

It is hugely gratifying to have the qualities of the School officially recognised by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, tasked to make objective judgments, and to be able to benefit from positive and useful feedback to help our quest for continuous improvement.

Congratulations to all of Read School pupils and staff for their hard work and achievements. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you, the parent community, for your ongoing input and support, which is very much valued.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Ainley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Ruth Ainley
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