

The Oldershaw School



Whilst we have no choice but to accept the decision of Ofsted, and their report, we do nonetheless, have remaining concerns over the manner in which their visit was conducted; the lack of consideration for staff and student wellbeing as well as the manner in which their findings have been framed.

The Oldershaw School caters for a cohort that has over sixty percent of students who qualify for free school meals and over a third of our students are in receipt of SEND support. Many of the issues highlighted in the report are long standing, particularly those around published outcomes.

Over recent years the school has appointed a high number of well qualified, hardworking and passionate staff who are focussed on improving the provision for all of our students. Though in its infancy, the improvements that were already being made by these professionals have not been afforded the credit they deserved. Their work will continue at pace, and we will cooperate with whoever we need to in order to ensure that the required improvements can be evidenced.

The school shows a no tolerance approach to any form of disrespectful language between students and holds regular assemblies on matters such as misogyny, homophobia and respect. These are also woven throughout our curriculum. It should be mentioned that improvements in student personal development were noted in the report. This school, like all schools nationally, has to confront attitudes that exist in the wider community.