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WINDMILL L.E.A.D. ACADEMY CONTINUES TO BE GOOD

A recent Ofsted inspection has praised Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy and concluded that the school continues to be 'good'. The academy was praised for providing a good quality of education, implementing a strong, clear vision and securing a continued commitment to high standards.

Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy was commended on establishing a “vibrant and energetic learning community”, with staff holding a “shared commitment to high standards of pastoral care, ambition for pupils’ achievement and a desire to ensure that pupils become good citizens in the world around them.”

The March 2019 Ofsted visit highlighted strong parental relations and the implementation of varied methods of communication amongst all stakeholders, including the local community, as further key strengths. The letter confirms how Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy provides an enriched curriculum and celebrates diversity through various initiatives, including a ‘Languages Club’ and the staging of a whole-school ‘International Day’ – fostering further community cohesion.

The report also praised the academy’s focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning for the most able pupils, creating the necessary challenge and opportunities for individual growth. Whole school attendance has also improved through the implementation of a rigorous approach, consistent monitoring and the celebration of individual milestones.

Headteacher, Teresa Shrestha, commented; “I am delighted that Ofsted have recognised the great achievements of the children, families and staff, as well as the support that we have received from the L.E.A.D. Academy Trust in securing such a positive outcome. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone and we look forward to making Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy even more successful in the years to come.”

The academy’s sponsor L.E.A.D. Academy Trust was praised for providing strong support and challenge to drive improvement across the school.

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KEY OFSTED FINDINGS:

The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection.

Leaders have developed, together with pupils and staff, a clear vision for the school and identified the values that underpin it.

Teachers plan visits which enrich pupils' learning. For example, a visit to The Holocaust Centre and the opportunity to speak with a survivor stimulated high-quality diary entries written by the older pupils.

Teachers use effective questioning in class to ensure that the most able pupils are challenged. They provide tailored feedback to pupils so that they know how to improve their writing further.

Leaders have developed strong partnerships with parents who have regular opportunities to see what their children are learning to do and find out about what they can do to help. Children with additional needs are well supported and leaders work closely with outside agencies to improve staff knowledge further.

Leaders have adopted a rigorous approach to attendance. Pupils' attendance is systematically monitored. Improvements in attendance are celebrated and rewarded. Pupils' attendance has improved and is now broadly in line with the national average.

ABOUT L.E.A.D. ACADEMY TRUST:

L.E.A.D. Academy Trust is a dynamic and pioneering organisation, comprising of twenty five academies across Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, Lincoln and Sheffield. Our philosophy is to; lead, empower, achieve and drive.

At the heart of our Trust is the development of outstanding leaders. We empower individuals in our schools to provide the highest quality education, enabling every pupil to realise their full potential. We have also been recognised by Ofsted as a leading academy sponsor, securing rapid and sustainable improvement through the research and application of best practice across operational areas.

The combination of autonomy and collaboration across key areas of leadership and management underpinned by shared vision, values and best practice positions L.E.A.D. as a truly unique Academy Trust.

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