



21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now in receipt of the latest Ofsted report relating to our school which can be accessed by clicking [here](#). We are delighted that the Quality of Education at Hyde High School has been awarded a 'Good' judgement at this point and you will notice the many positive comments relating to our curriculum, the strength of teaching, support for reading, SEND provision, extra-curricular activities and that 'pupils build their knowledge securely over time and achieve well'. We also, however, concur with the opinion that the behaviour of a minority of pupils is not meeting our expectations at the moment and this can disturb the learning of others at times. Whilst we are aware that there is a negative national 'shift' in behaviour in schools since the pandemic, it is not acceptable in our school that a small number of pupils are choosing not to comply with the most basic of rules and addressing this is now our top priority for the benefit of everyone.

It has long been our ethos to give every pupil the opportunity to 'get it right' and we work hard to support all those who are struggling. Where parents value what we offer and work positively with us, we rarely fail to succeed. Unfortunately, at the moment, a handful of pupils do not value their learning enough to make the right choices and they cannot be allowed to impact negatively on the learning of others or on the good order of our school.

Most of all, in terms of our Ofsted report, I am especially proud of the first paragraph: "Pupils and staff are proud of their school. Leaders want pupils to be well-rounded, decent young people who contribute positively to society. Many pupils respond well to these expectations. Staff care deeply for pupils, and relationships between pupils and staff are positive, supportive and respectful."

Whilst we remain a 'requires improvement' school, there is much to be proud of and the vast majority of comments within our Ofsted report are positive. We never rest on our laurels and we are always looking to improve – that's what our pupils deserve! I am very grateful to our highly skilled and very hard-working staff team, our fabulous pupils and all those families supporting us to make Hyde High School such a success; we have waiting lists for places in every year group and are oversubscribed again this year. Ofsted say that 'Pupils and staff are proud of their school' and I am incredibly proud of them in return!

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Radcliffe  
Headteacher