

Willoughby

Ofsted Pilot Feedback

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March 2019

Strengths of the School

- The curriculum intent is recognised throughout the school.
- The creative curriculum develops subject knowledge, helps to prepare pupils to be independent.
- Staff share the curriculum intent of the school leaders.
- There is effective planning and teaching throughout the school.
- Engagement in learning is strong.
- Planning, questioning and tenacity in learning is strong, enabling pupils to achieve.
- The support from teaching assistants is very high quality and supports learning.
- Pupils make progress through their learning.
- Support for PMLD pupils shows a very high level of care.
- Staff are committed and leaders are mindful of the teachers' workload and have supported the development of subject knowledge and the subject leaders' role.
- Workload of staff is monitored strongly and leaders are committed to ensuring best value and working following the SMART principles.
- The updated assessment procedures have removed the weight, but maintained the quality of assessment across the school.
- Leaders use and trust staff's professional judgement.
- There are very strong relationships between pupils and staff.
- Pupils are encouraged to achieve and want to achieve.
- Pupils relish the student council and their input into the school.
- Behaviour strategies pre-empt and calm pupils.
- There is a wider development of pupils knowledge through the delivery of PSHE which is delivered with vigilance.
- Engagement with local community and the local communities engagement with Willoughby is a strength.
- Willoughby pupils are well prepared to be effective citizens.
- The school has moved on significantly since formation of the current leadership team.
- Safeguarding is effective.

Opportunities for Development

- Further the scope for measuring the curriculum impact.
- Further develop the role of subject leaders.
- Further the opportunities for all subjects (not just literacy and numeracy) to be impactful, through cross curricular links.
- Governance to evolve to reflect the elevated role of the curriculum within the new inspection framework.
- To develop the range of strategies that pupils encounter to enable them to access the meaning of text.