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## Ofsted Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to you today with celebratory news for the whole of the Oasis Academy Byron family following our Ofsted visit on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

As you may be aware, from September 2021, Ofsted removed the exemption of previously outstanding schools from routine inspections, which is welcomed by all in the education sector. Since the last inspection of the academy in 2016, a new, tougher, and more challenging Ofsted framework is being used to inspect schools since September 2020.

Our inspection in January 2022 was a Section 8 inspection (short inspection for Good/Outstanding schools), carried out by an Ofsted HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector). With these inspections, a schools current grading should not change, unless serious concerns over safeguarding or the quality of education arise during the visit. The most recent data we have, covering 2021, shows that 77% of Outstanding schools inspected by Ofsted across England did have their grading change immediately, with the short Section 8 inspection converting immediately to a full Section 5 inspection due to concerns the HMI identified.

I am therefore delighted to inform you that our inspection did not convert to a full Section 5 inspection, and you will see from the report that I have linked at the end of this letter for your information, that the inspector found that the academy should retain its current 'outstanding' grading and receive a full inspection in one to two years' time.

The report is incredibly positive about all aspects of our academy. Highlights from the report include:

- "Pupils are happy in school."
- "Pupils behave well in lessons."
- "Curriculum thinking is detailed, and all subjects are well designed."
- "Leaders are trained to identify pupils with SEND."
- "Leaders plan pupils' personal development carefully."

As you know, the staff and I at the academy are passionate about every child making excellent progress, ensuring that no ceiling is put on any child's individual potential. Our families and community play such an important part in this, and it was delightful to see throughout the report the praise for our fantastic children. 'Pupils treat each other with kindness, patience, and respect'

The report also contains some valuable feedback on what we as a school need to continue to work on. We are in the infancy of a fantastic journey of moving our academy forward in many aspects, in particular with the well-structured and designed new Oasis Primary curriculum.



We have only achieved this amazing outcome at the academy and subsequently this exceptional report thanks to your backing and the continued hard work and enthusiasm of our staff. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you for all your ongoing support.

If you have any questions or queries about the report, I would be pleased to discuss these with you.

You can view the full report on our website; by visiting:

[https://www.oasisacademybyron.org/uploaded/Byron/About\\_Us/Ofsted/10206480 - Oasis Academy Byron - 138687 Final PDF.pdf](https://www.oasisacademybyron.org/uploaded/Byron/About_Us/Ofsted/10206480_-_Oasis_Academy_Byron_-_138687_Final_PDF.pdf)

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