



Olive Academies

Olive AP Academy
SUFFOLK

Executive Headteacher: Helena Boast

Headteacher: Alastair Burnett

Tuesday 30 November, 2021

Dear parents/carers,

We have received the final report from Ofsted following the inspection of Olive AP Academy – Suffolk on 5 and 6 October. We have been informed by Ofsted that the full report will be published on the Ofsted website on Friday 3 December however, it is available to read now on our academy website <https://apsuffolk.oliveacademies.org.uk/our-curriculum/our-ofsted-reports> A paper copy of the report can also be requested from the academy office.

The grades that can be awarded by Ofsted are Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3), Inadequate (4). It is hugely disappointing to the whole academy community that the recent Ofsted inspection judged Olive AP Academy – Suffolk's overall effectiveness to be Inadequate.

Inspectors have highlighted a number of key areas which need to be improved. We will be working hard to ensure that changes are made immediately, acting on all Ofsted's findings.

The report recognised some of the steps we have already taken to bring about change: *"New leaders and staff have been appointed to increase the capacity to make improvements. Classrooms, corridors and play areas have been refurbished. These changes are new but are beginning to contribute towards improvement."* However, we acknowledge that there is much more still to be done to become the high-quality provision which your children deserve.

Ofsted acknowledged the strength of the relationships we are establishing to benefit our pupils: *"They [trust leaders] are forging new relations with the local authority to ensure that staff can make a significant difference to those pupils who are referred to the school."*

The report also identified the positive influence of our Academy Advisory Board, stating: *"An established academy advisory board brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the school."*

There are good things to learn from this report and we are committed to delivering the Ofsted inspectors' recommendations. We have already made significant changes, predominantly centred around staffing, to form the solid foundation necessary to deliver the improvements required. We are pleased to have appointed an additional deputy headteacher, who is providing extra capacity at senior leadership level and working closely with the existing deputy headteacher. Both have a wealth of experience in their respective fields and will be instrumental in supporting our Headteacher, Alastair Burnett, in delivering our ambitious improvement plan.

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All staff at Olive AP Academy – Suffolk are committed to providing the best education for all our pupils, in a safe environment where all children are supported to reach their potential. We hope that you will continue to support us with this aim.

You can access an Ofsted guide for parents about school inspections here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspections-a-guide-for-parents>

If you have any questions about the inspection report or would like to know about our improvement plan, please do not hesitate to contact us by calling the academy office on the number below or you can write to us via email. We would be happy to respond to your queries.

Yours sincerely,



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