

Ravens Academy

Nayland Drive, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO16 8TZ

T 01255 424328 F 01255 426524

E office@ravensacademy.attrust.org.uk W www.ravensacademy.attrust.org.uk

Principal Andy Bear



10/December/2019

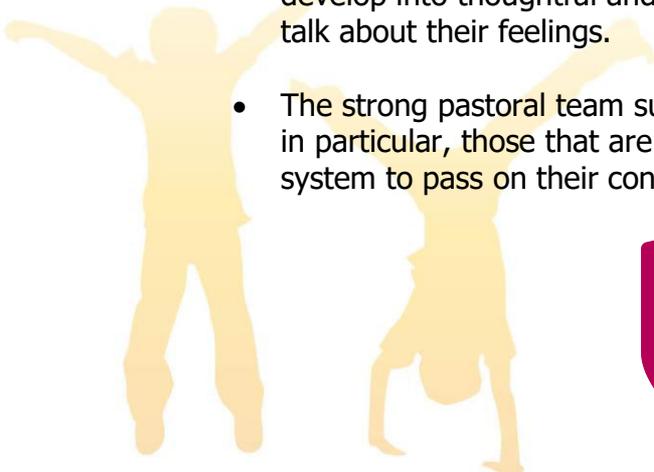
Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted Inspection

As you know our academy underwent an Ofsted inspection on 15th & 16th October 2019. This inspection took place under the new Ofsted inspection 2019 framework and it placed a large emphasis upon our curriculum offer and Phonics/Early reading. Our Ofsted report is now available online on the OFSTED website, on our website and you will also find a full copy attached to this letter.

Our Staff and Governors are clearly disappointed with the final judgement and overall outcome of the inspection. However, we are pleased that the inspectors identified crucial positive aspects of our academy that we value highly including:

- Ravens Academy is a caring school where leaders and staff work hard to develop good relationships with pupils. Pupils are polite and usually speak to each other and adults with respect and confidence.
- Pupils know who to speak to if they are worried about something and say that they feel safe. Bullying is not tolerated and, if it ever happens, is dealt with swiftly by the adults in school. Pupils are happy to talk about their feelings and are given opportunities to do this.
- Mathematics is well planned. Teaching develops pupils' understanding as they move from year to year.
- Leaders and staff are united in their desire to make sure that pupils develop into thoughtful and considerate people. Staff encourage pupils to talk about their feelings.
- The strong pastoral team supports pupils and their families, in particular, those that are vulnerable. Staff make good use of the online system to pass on their concerns to the right people.



These positive comments mean that we are justly proud of the support that our academy offer to our children and their families.

The challenging parts of the report highlight mainly areas identified by us that we had begun working on. Inspectors' conclusions have given added impetus to get these areas working as well as possible for the benefit of your children as learners as soon as possible.

We recognise that our final outcomes and results must improve and that this has to be done through raising standards of teaching so that all staff perform consistently well and have high expectations of all our children. We recognise that all our lessons should provide stretch and challenge to our pupils so that they can achieve their full potential. We also recognise that we need to further develop our curriculum so that it is progressively challenging and encourages a love of learning that will sustain our children into secondary school and beyond.

The high expectations that are needed must be set by our teachers and academy leaders but they must also be supported by you and your children if we are to achieve great things. The part that parents play in our future is vital to the improvement of our academy and we hope that we can rely on you to support us with the changes we need to make to ensure successful futures for all of your children.

All the information contained within the report especially the areas for improvement have informed our draft Post Ofsted Action Plan. This will be made available to all

our parents should they wish to see it and comment on the actions we are taking to improve our school.

We appreciate that when you have read the report you may wish to discuss aspects of it and our plan for recovery with the Trust, Principal and the Chair of Governors. Consequently, we invite you to a **Parents' Meeting**, where we will be available to answer any questions you may have on **Friday 13th December from 5pm-6pm in the school hall.**

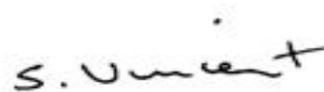
At the previous inspection, our academy was judged to be a good school. Be assured that we are fully committed to making the necessary improvements, with your ongoing support to ensure that our academy returns (at least) to that status in the coming months and years.

Ravens Academy continues to be a happy, safe, caring school with a committed staff and fantastic children. Please continue to work with ATT, our trust and us to ensure your children get the best education that will lead them onto a successful life journey.

A digital copy of the Ofsted report can be found here:
<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/139641>

Yours Sincerely

Andy Bear
(Principal)



Steven Vincent
(ATT Regional Education Director)



ssat
member