



Serenity School

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Atlantic House, Henson Road, Crawley, RH10 1QQ

16th January 2024

Re: Ofsted Inspection Report November 2023

Dear Parents, carers, and stakeholders,

I am delighted to inform you that we are now able to share the final Ofsted inspection report from our very first Ofsted Inspection which took place on the 28th – 30th November 2023.

It gives me great pleasure to share that His Majesty's Inspector and team were reassured of the hard work and commitment displayed by all stakeholders within our school community and concluded that Serenity School Crawley is **Good** in all areas.

Overall effectiveness: **Good**

The quality of education: **Good**

Behaviour and attitudes: **Good**

Personal development: **Good**

Leadership and management: **Good**

This is an excellent report, particularly at a time when the benchmark for 'Good' is at the highest level it has ever been, and especially considering that the school has only been open for less than one year at the time of the inspection!

The Ofsted inspection was thorough, robust and professionally rigorous. The leadership team and I were open and transparent around all aspects of school life and had much evidence to support the inspection process.

The report itself is very detailed and highlights the many elements of effective provision at Serenity School Crawley, including high standards and expectations, the effective systems in place, the reflective and driven nature of leaders/governors, commitment of the staff and pupils and the impact of the quality of education. It also recognises the next steps needed to take the school forward. What is very satisfying is that the next steps identified were already within our development plan prior to this inspection and the associated adaptations are being implemented.

This is a fantastic achievement for everyone in our school community; to be able to say we are now confidently on the trajectory to achieve outstanding in our next steps in line with our school development plan, is something to be immensely proud of.



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We are particularly proud of our staff who were praised for their respectful, trusting and professional relationships with pupils and for their hard work in helping pupils experience success and achieve their potential.

Please see below some positive extracts from the report:

“From the moment pupils first join the school, staff get to know their interests and aspirations well. They work hard to help pupils experience success and achieve their potential.”

“Staff get the best out of pupils by offering support and reassurance. Pupils are put at ease by the respectful, trusting and professional relationships staff form with them.”

“Staff have high expectations. Pupils describe their school as a place where ‘each day is a fresh new start’.”

“Staff are positive role models. They reinforce what is expected and help pupils to regulate their behaviour so that learning is not disrupted.”

“Staff work effectively in order to help pupils to remove barriers to their learning and attendance.”

“The curriculum is interesting and ambitious”

“The school promotes the enjoyment of reading well. It ensures that pupils are introduced to a range of genres at all stages. Pupils enjoy discussing their opinions of the characters, plot, and themes in what they read. Younger pupils look forward to listening to the stories staff share. They enjoy choosing books and relish the school’s regular visits to the local library.”

The report is certainly worth a more thorough read as it is overwhelmingly positive and reflects the progress we have made as a school since opening in January 2023. Please take the time to read and share the news with your family, relatives, and friends.

We are continually striving to improve and be the best we can at Serenity Crawley, and I know that we will continue to have your support in the work we will be doing together to meet the suggested recommendations on our journey to Outstanding.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank all our children for being exceptional ambassadors for our school; the staff for their hard work and dedication; the parents and carers who either spoke with inspectors or provided feedback online and the Governing Board for their continued guidance and direction.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in partnership to secure a successful future for your child.

Yours Sincerely

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