



12th July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to share our Ofsted report with you which confirms Darlington Academy is a Good school.

Firstly, we'd like to thank our dedicated staff for their outstanding work to ensure Darlington achieved the Good inspection rating (and Good in each of the individual Ofsted categories). We'd also like to thank parents, carers and our wonderful children as we celebrate our collective achievements.

We are very proud of our Ofsted report and some of the fantastic comments from inspectors really do underscore the huge improvement and development of the academy over the past two years.

In particular, Ofsted says every child at Darlington makes "strong" progress and adds pupils enjoy a rich, varied curriculum, enhanced by a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

The inspectors also pointed to the effectiveness of our senior staff, together with the Rapid Improvement Board, who have worked "determinedly" since the last inspection to raise standards.

The report also says the quality of teaching and learning is good and high expectations and aspirations are embedded firmly across the academy, adding: "The focus is firmly on providing pupils with the best life chances."

The inspection report also praises the academy for its work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare. It adds behaviour is good and our "polite, welcoming and respectful" pupils conduct themselves well, "rising to adults' high expectations of them".

Early years' provision is noted for praise, saying staff have created a stimulating learning environment where children play happily and safely.

When you read through the report, you will understand why we are so proud of our staff and children and their contribution to developing and improving our academy.

To receive such a positive Ofsted report at the end of the year is testimony to the hard work of our governors, Legra Academy Trust and our staff and children. We could not be more grateful.

We look forward to seeing you at end of term of events and would again like to thank our parents and carers for their ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely



Bev Williams
CEO, Legra Trust



Emma Nicholls
Principal