

The Island Project School

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Serving the needs of children with autism and related communication disorders in Warwickshire & the West Midlands

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Dear Parents and Carers

On Friday 2nd October 2015, The Island Project was inspected by Ofsted, and a copy of the report is attached for your information. A copy can also be found on the School website.

The main focus of the inspection was on the welfare and health and safety of the pupils. The inspection found that there were no concerns around the wellbeing, safety, personal care, safeguarding or development of the pupils.

As you will see, the report states that “staff ensure that the day to day welfare, health and safety of the pupils at the school are given high priority” and that staff “manage pupil’s behaviour well and regularly check how well pupils are making progress”.

This is the third Ofsted inspection within a year: an inspection was made before the new college site could be opened, and the School had its routine inspection in March this year. The School is delighted that once again, following this latest inspection, the safeguarding and health, safety and education of the pupils has been judged to be effective.

However, the ongoing impact of negotiations with HS2 Limited, together with the transfer of post 14/16 provision to the College site means that administrative matters within School and College have not been dealt with as quickly as they should have been.

Therefore, the report reflects that whilst the inspector found that the health and safety of the pupils and the physical safeguarding of pupils is effective, there are some of the Independent School Standards which are not being met. This includes the failure on the part of the management and proprietors to ensure that of some policies and procedures, including the safeguarding policy, have been brought completely up to date following recent legislation changes.

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The Trustees and senior management are committed to ensure that all outstanding administrative matters are dealt with as a matter of priority, and this process is already well underway. Ofsted will come out to carry out a further inspection shortly, and I will of course, keep you posted on the outcome,

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone me or email.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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