



Wellfield Academy

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Dear Parents/Guardian

Ofsted Section 5 Inspection Update

You will be aware that Ofsted completed a Section 5 Inspection at our school last week and, while we are not yet permitted to share the overall outcome until the inspectors have completed their final report, we wanted to write to provide some initial feedback.

We were genuinely pleased to be given the opportunity to welcome the inspection team into Wellfield to discuss our journey of significant improvement over recent years. Whilst we know the pandemic has created additional challenges in many schools over the past 18 months, the inspection team appreciated this and acknowledged how hard we have worked as a team to support students and our families.

As expected, the overwhelming majority of our students were excellent throughout the inspection and they did us proud. Many of the basic expectations we reinforce day to day simply shone through and the inspectors were particularly complimentary about the respectful, polite and hard-working students that they saw around school. The student feedback to the inspection team during both face to face discussions and the online survey was also extremely positive. Our students are clearly very proud of our school and the inspection team quickly warmed to the students we have here.

Ofsted did also request the views of parents and, whilst they remain anonymous to us, we did receive many positive comments and feedback. We were genuinely humbled by many of the comments we received. Where concerns were noted by a minority of parents, we were quickly able to contextualise individual gripes. There were no surprises and nothing we weren't already addressing as appropriate. Once again, thank you for your support and for taking the time to complete the survey.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our staff for their hard work and dedication. The staff we currently have in place at Wellfield are genuinely fantastic, they are committed to our students and they will continue to play a huge role in our continued journey of improvement. As always, there will be areas for us to develop further as a school, but it is clear that Wellfield is an improving school with many strong features.

Thank you once again to all of our parents, students, staff and governors for your hard work and support throughout this journey.

We look forward to sharing the inspection report with you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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