

25th November 2024

Longfield Academy – Ofsted Report, November 2024 (0043-24ASW)

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am delighted to be able to share our Ofsted report and I am incredibly proud to announce that your school is no longer inadequate, but **good in all areas**.

I have led and supported many schools over my career, but I can honestly say that this is one of my proudest moments. To move from inadequate to good is a significant achievement and this was recognised by Ofsted during their visit in October 2024.

This has been a labour of love, and it is testament to the commitment of our staff, pupils, parents / carers, governors and the Trust to change the perception of our Academy to the acknowledgment we deserve.

Of course, this is not the end of our journey. Our next mission is to be recognised as one of the best schools in Darlington as we continue to strive for outstanding. We can only do that with your continued support and the guidance of our new Trust – Northern Arch Learning Partnership.

I have always maintained that Longfield is a great school with amazing children, and I am so proud that we now officially have that validation. We are a true community school, and we are proud to serve your community as a 'good' school.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Sweeten

Headteacher