



INDEPENDENT JEWISH DAY SCHOOL
an ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

As you know, Ofsted visited our school in December, and we have now received the report to share with you. We encourage you to read the full report attached here.

In context, the school was last inspected in 2007, since which there have been at least four changes to the inspection handbook and inspection process, with the latest update launched in September 2022.

The report has many positives that we are proud of, not least the most important aspect, that children at the Independent Jewish Day School are happy and safe.

The inspectors remarked that pupils show kindness and respect to others, are keen to learn and work hard. They also noted that pupils achieve well in reading and develop "secure and detailed mathematical knowledge." In addition, the report noted that the school works hard to support pupils' emotional well-being and that "staff and governors have high expectations and want students to achieve."

Inspectors praised the school for the recovery work that was put in place as a response to the pandemic. They also remarked how articulate the children were in conversations and how they enjoy being in school. The personal development and behaviours within the school are to be celebrated and we are proud that this has been recognised in the inspection.

However, the school has received an overall grade of Requires Improvement because there are some areas of the curriculum that need to be developed further. These include increasing the provision of Art and Computing throughout the year and developing communication and language further in the early years. The report also said that there needs to be greater consistency in curriculum planning and delivery.

We are sure that you share our disappointment at the overall result, despite the improvements that have taken place in the school over time. We acknowledge that you will have concerns and we are fully committed to addressing the areas raised in the report. We

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are confident we can make the required improvements and our goal is that IJDS become an outstanding school.

An action plan is already under development and parents will have an opportunity to have their voices heard in a survey that will soon be sent out. This will be followed by an information evening for parents where a new school improvement plan will be shared.

There is so much to celebrate at our school and we continue to be impressed by the commitment of our staff, pupils and parents to ensuring our children reach their potential.

Jodi Schajer
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Chair of Governors on behalf of the governing body