Principal's Update inc. Ofsted Update 5/11/24

Dear Families,

This is an unusual update, as we have been notified today that due to an unavoidable situation, our Ofsted Lead Inspector cannot attend our inspection, and this means that the inspection has been delayed. They will reschedule and return to us as soon as possible. This is a really unusual event, but we are really grateful for all our team's dedication in getting us ready for the inspection today – we are looking at this as a practise run for the real thing! We would love for you all to continue to complete the Ofsted Parent View to share your good experiences of our school. These will still be used in the future inspection, so please do complete this if you can make time: https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Events coming up this half term:

November

- Monday 11th November – FoS Coffee Morning, all parents and pre-school children are invited to attend.
- Tuesday 12th November – Parents Evening – In person.
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need.
- Tuesday 19th November – Parents Evening – Virtual.

December

- Weeks beginning 9th and 16th December – Christmas parents' events – Foundation & Key Stage 2, 3 & 4.
- Wednesday 11th December – Key Stage 5 Enterprise markets at Monkmoor and Futures.
- Thursday 12th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.

Our Academy Development Plan Objectives 2024-25

'Enabling Communication, Independence and Enjoyment for Life'

Quality of Education

-Further developing the curriculum to make sure learning is sequential, building on prior knowledge

-Making sure assessment processes are effective and consistent

-Making sure all pupils access quality phonics/pre-phonics/reading fluency lessons each day.

-Using interventions to develop attention skills, so that students can attend to their learning

Personal Development

-Co-ordinating events and opportunities within departments to ensure phase-appropriate interaction and inclusion is not limited.

-Creating learner-friendly PfA outcomes, so that progression in PfA is planned, clear and ambitious.

-Continuing to strengthen the Severndale community within and beyond the school gates so that we belong to something bigger than our school that connects us.

Safeguarding and Attendance

-Engaging with external expertise to quality assure safeguarding and attendance arrangements.

-Developing the safeguarding culture for learners within the curriculum.

Behaviour and Attitudes

-Making sure all staff access quality training, e.g. trauma informed approach, de-escalating behaviour, so that staff have the knowledge to sensitively support students.

-Using student council to involve students in decision making

- Embedding consistency in classroom practice in supporting preparation for learning and communication.

Leadership and Management

-Developing parent engagement in school life through a carefully planned calendar of events

- Engaging with community partners to raise the profile of Severndale.

-Encouraging staff engagement in school development through a carefully planned calendar of events to elicit feedback and collaborate on solutions to barriers.

-Integrating EHCPs into classroom practice, with IEPs translating EHCP outcomes into holistic teaching.

EYFS Focus

- Identify and support the sensory processing needs of all children so that they are regulated and ready to learn.

-Creating more accurate dialogues around children's progress using a narrative approach and IEPs.

Sixth Form Focus

-Strengthening the link between learning outcomes and next steps/destinations.

-Developing the Work Related Learning Offer with community partners.

Academy Development Plan
2024-2025

Our spooky disco photos: We had fun at our spooky discos just before the half-term break. It was great to see our learners having fun with their peers in their fabulous outfits!