Holly House Residential Ofsted Report 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud and delighted to share some truly wonderful news with you. Following our recent Ofsted inspection 17–19 March 2026, the residential provision at Holly House School has once again been judged Outstanding in all areas.

Inspectors described our provision as highly effective, highlighting that the care and support offered to children consistently exceed the standards of good and lead to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences. They were particularly impressed by the strong, trusting relationships between children and staff, noting how approachable, nurturing and responsive our team are in meeting each child's individual needs.

The inspection recognised that children thoroughly enjoy their time in residence, feel safe, valued and listened to, and benefit from a calm, caring environment where their emotional wellbeing is a clear priority. Inspectors praised the way staff help children to understand and manage their emotions, resolve difficulties positively, and develop important life skills through meaningful activities woven into everyday routines.

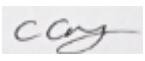
Safeguarding was highlighted as a real strength, with inspectors noting the strong culture of care, staff vigilance, and the proactive way any potential risks are identified and managed. They also acknowledged the effective leadership within the residential provision and the reflective, aspirational approach that ensures continuous improvement and consistently high standards.

Importantly, the strong partnership between residential staff, school staff and families was recognised as a key factor in children's success. Inspectors noted the positive impact this has on attendance, engagement in learning and children's readiness for both school and future life.

This outstanding judgement is a testament to the dedication, professionalism and passion of our entire staff team, and we would like to thank them for their continued commitment to providing the very best care for our children.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your trust, support and partnership. Your ongoing collaboration plays a vital role in achieving such positive outcomes.

We are immensely proud of this achievement and remain fully committed to building on this success as we continue to support every child at Holly House School to thrive, grow and succeed.



Cheryl Gray
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