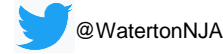




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Normanton Junior Academy Ofsted Inspection – 3rd & 4th July 2023



Normanton Junior Academy continues to be a good school.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great pleasure and immense pride that we can now inform you that following our recent Ofsted Inspection, which took place at the end of last academic year, Normanton Junior Academy continues to be a good school and I have attached a copy of the school report for you to read.

The inspector that visited our school carried out the inspection over two days, which included deep dives into various subjects, lesson visits, scrutiny of work undertaken by children, as well as having discussions with staff and the children. The Inspector also met with the Senior Leaders, members of the Governing Body and our Trust CEO and Deputy CEO. The school website was also reviewed, staff, parent and pupil surveys analysed and a wide range of documentation was provided and reviewed. It certainly was a jam packed two days and we used every minute to showcase NJA!

I have now been the Headteacher of our wonderful school for just over two and a half years and it certainly feels like everyone's hard work and commitment to our children has paid off! Words cannot express the pride I feel and it remains a pleasure to serve your children and our school family.

Your children were truly incredible during the inspection and they certainly showed the Inspector what kind, considerate and caring young people they truly are - they were a credit to us all! I am so proud of each and every one of them and in the words of the Inspector – “you are giving your children firm foundations for their future”.

In preparation for the inspection, and across the two days, my school staff were truly outstanding and I cannot express how thankful I am for their relentless determination, each and every day, to provide your children with the best education possible. 100% of staff told the inspector that they were proud to work at NJA and for me, speaks volumes! We're lucky to have them all.

I must thank Mrs Millard, our Chair of Governors, as well as other members of the Governing Body who met with the Inspector and continue to provide challenge and support to Senior Leaders, in order to ensure NJA thrives and continuously delivers excellence for your children.

I would also like to thank Mr Dickinson (Waterton CEO), Mrs Bretherton (Waterton Deputy CEO), Mrs Simpkins (Waterton Senior School Improvement Lead), as well as all other members of the Central Team at Waterton Academy Trust. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful organisation, who strive to make your child's educational experience the best it can possibly be and their ongoing support and care for myself and the entire team was second to none and I know they are immensely proud of the whole school community too.

On behalf of the staff team, I must thank all our parents and carers who took the time to fill out the parent questionnaire and provided such lovely feedback to the Inspector. The number of good luck messages via email and Facebook was truly humbling and the Inspector could clearly see our school family loves our school! So, thank you!

As a school, and with the support of the Trust, we will now endeavour to improve in those areas identified for further improvement and continue to strive for excellence every day. I know that I will have your support in the work we will be doing together to make NJA exceptional for all our pupils.

Achieving this outcome, on top of the amazing end of KS2 outcomes, in July, demonstrates what an incredible position NJA is in and the future is certainly bright; you all should be hugely proud.

The full report is available to view on our website - <https://normantonjunioracademy.org/ofsted/> and will be uploaded to Ofsted's website early next week.

As ever, thank you for your continued support to our school.

Kind regards,

Mr Welsh

Your very proud Headteacher

Highlights from the report include:

*Pupils enjoy attending Normanton Junior Academy.
There are high expectations for their learning and behaviour.
Leaders are ambitious for what pupils can achieve.*

*Pupils behave very well.
Pupils are respectful of people's differences.*

Bullying is rare.

*Leaders place the safeguarding of pupils as a priority.
Pupils feel safe in school.*

Teachers think carefully about the activities they plan for pupils.

*Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)
receive effective support.*

*The provision for pupils' wider development is a strength of the
school. Leaders prioritise the development of pupils' character.*

*Highly skilled staff support pupils' well-being. Pupils are confident
that staff will help them if they have any concerns.*

Leaders make reading a priority across the school.

*Pupils enjoy a range of opportunities to experience trips
to places of interest and visiting speakers.
This helps bring the curriculum to life.*

*Leaders are determined to ensure that pupils are prepared well
for life in secondary school.*