

# PORT ISAAC ACADEMY

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Dear families,

I am delighted to share with you the report from our recent Ofsted inspection.

The report recognises many of our school's strengths and highlights significant progress since our last inspection.

The whole community has played its part in this journey. I am grateful to our incredibly dedicated staff, wonderful pupils, supportive champions, Cornwall Education Learning Trust and, of course, to you. Community is one of Port Isaac Academy's core values, so we are especially proud that the report says:

- "Parents and carers are supportive of the school."
- "They trust leaders to manage any concerns."
- "They praise the improvements of the school and hold staff in high regard for the impact of their work so far."

Successes:

Inspectors described Port Isaac Academy as a "welcoming school where everyone is included." They saw that pupils have a "deep sense of belonging" and that children develop "warm, positive relationships with staff" which help them to feel safe and well looked after.

We are very proud that the inspectors recognised a "calm and orderly school where pupils behave well and want to learn."

Our Early Years provision was praised strongly. Inspectors found that children receive a secure and positive start to school life, commenting that:

- "Children get off to a positive start."
- "Staff know children well."
- "Children confidently access their learning showing high levels of engagement."
- "Learning is celebrated with parents and carers so that they are involved in their child's educational journey."

The report also recognises that "Phonics is a strength" and that Port Isaac Academy "prioritises pupils learning to read quickly."

Inspectors praised the rich opportunities we provide to support pupils' personal development, including beach school, swimming, residential visits and leadership roles.



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They recognised that pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain and that they value the experiences they have beyond the classroom.

The report also confirms that safeguarding standards are met and that the school has established an open culture where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

## Next Steps:

As with any inspection, there are areas identified for further improvement.

The inspectors have given us supportive feedback around the aspects that we all agree still need attention. These focus mainly on ensuring that all pupils, particularly those with SEND, make consistently strong progress across all subjects.

However, inspectors recognised that we have introduced many very positive changes recently, and that these need time to fully deliver.

This is encouraging because Inspectors saw that important work is already underway. Their report highlights that leaders have taken effective action and that staff are overwhelmingly positive about the school's direction.

Everyone on the Port Isaac Academy team is ambitious for every child and is committed to continuing this improvement journey so that every pupil receives an exceptional educational experience.

Your support, encouragement and trust were evident throughout the inspection, as they are on a day-to-day basis. Thank you. Together, we have everything we need to continue to make great strides for all our children.

Yours sincerely

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