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Dear Team Hebden - Parents and Families.

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What a week!

Thank you for all your support and kindness this week while we've had our OfSTED visitors in to inspect our amazing Residential provision. Thank you to all the staff, Governors and families who supported us in talking to OfSTED and supplying us with endless cups of tea and treats! We will write to you later in the year when OfSTED have written to us formally with our feedback, but I wanted to share with their initial feedback.

OfSTED last visited our Residential department in January - I think they must like us to have come back twice in the same year!

So, our inspection this time focused on the developments in the provision from January to July.

OfSTED told us lots of things we already know about our incredible provision, our amazing children and our wonderful staff :

- We know our pupils in Residential really well;
- Our pupils are at the centre of everything we do in Residential;
- We allow our pupils to make choices at every point of their stay in Residential using their own communication approaches;
- We Safeguard our children to the highest degree and are extremely knowledgeable around Safeguarding procedures and processes;
- Leaders work tirelessly to give our pupils and families the very best they can;
- Leaders continually monitor the quality of the provision at every point and try to make it better every day;
- Leaders have plans to develop the provision further in the future.

OfSTED listened to the feedback from our families and told us :

- Families would like to know the targets their children are working towards in Residential and that this is an area we can improve on – we can do that straight away 😊
- Families would like their children to go out on more trips when they are in Residential and that this is an area we can improve on – we will look at how we can build in outings across the year but we need to make sure that we can staff these safely and that the cost of trips can be covered 😊

We are excited to now move forward with our new Leadership Team and new Head of Care Lesley to put our future plans into place and to work on the areas we know will make our Residential offer even better than it already is.

Helen 😊

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