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Subject: Ofsted Report 2019 – Good

Ofsted confirms Risedale Sports & Community College's continued success!

As you will be aware, our school was visited by Ofsted on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November 2019. This was a full "Section 5" inspection to check the work that we are doing to support the growth and future success of the pupils we care for. I am now able to share with you that **Ofsted agree that we are a "Good" school!**



Whilst Ofsted has awarded us this grade, at Risedale, we believe that this simply spurs us on to do better and go further in order to give the young people of Catterick the very best opportunities that we can. Our creative, innovative and personalised approaches have been vindicated and the work we do to improve the lives of everyone in our care has been recognised.

As an organisation, we do our best and the majority of parents have told Ofsted that they agree. We will never stop trying our best and, as Ofsted state in their report, *"Leaders and staff do not give up on pupils...."*. Pupils themselves say that Risedale is a caring community. That is because we are!

Our curriculum continues to expand and Ofsted recognise that for Key Stage 3 (Year 7 to Year 9) it prepares pupils well for further study at GCSE. Our attendance has improved dramatically in the last few years and is now where it should be and I would like to thank parents for working with us to boost the resilience of pupils so that they attend more. Pupils and most parents say that they trust our staff to help them both pastorally and academically and I thank you all for that recognition.

Risedale has seen some dramatic changes recently with many new staff joining us with different skills and experiences that stretch our pupils further. Numbers are rising and that is because of the faith the community has in us. However, we will never lose sight of the fact that we are, and shall remain, a small school with a family feel. For us, that is why it works.

I would like to give a personal thank you to all the staff within the school who, because of their determination and dedication, have enabled this fantastic result. I would also like to thank parents and pupils for their support in the past and I look forward to this continuing long into the future!



Colin D Scott, Principal



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