Braywick Court School rated ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted – Press Release

Braywick Court, a free school in Maidenhead has said it is ‘delighted’ to have been rated ‘outstanding’ following its first full Ofsted inspection in June 2017.

Braywick Court School is a 1-form entry primary school, which opened in September 2014 and currently has 90 pupils on roll, made up of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 aged pupils. The school will grow to be at capacity by September 2020, and is part of Bellevue Place Education Trust, which runs six other schools in London.

Ofsted rated the school ‘outstanding’ in all categories, including effectiveness of leadership and management, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare and the outcomes of pupils.

The Head teacher Gemma Donnelly, along with all the staff and governors at the school are very pleased with the result, especially as the school is only a few years old.

“Our Ofsted report clearly shows that we have happy children and happy staff who enjoy learning and love coming to school every day. The balance between this and high academic outcomes can be a challenge to achieve, so is something to be proud of. I am pleased that the dedication of staff and families has been recognised” Gemma Donnelly, Head teacher of Braywick Court School.

Highlights from the report include the following:

- Pupils love coming to school. They are completely engaged in their learning and demonstrate exemplary behaviour in and out of lessons.
- Teaching is very effective and closely matched to pupils’ prior learning. As a result, pupils’ progress from their starting points across the curriculum is excellent.
- Leaders in this new school are absolutely committed to providing the best education and care for all pupils.
- Governors and the trust provide very high-quality challenge and support for leaders.
- The early years is led exceptionally well. Children benefit from a very positive start to their school life.
Not only are the Ofsted inspectors impressed by the school, but the parents are too according to the latest parent survey in June 2017. 96% of parents strongly agreed or agreed that their child enjoys coming to school and pupil achievement is high, with 92% of Reception pupils achieving a Good Level of Development in 2016.

The Chair of Trustees, Claire Delaney said “From the time that we were approached by the Local Authority in 2013, Braywick Court School has been on a very exciting journey. We are delighted that the school delivers an outstanding education for our pupils and would like to say a huge thank you to our staff and leadership team in making our vision a reality.”