

Hi Martin

Thank you for inviting me today.

I had a lovely visit with the staff and children and was very impressed by the provision. I thought Terri-Anne was fantastic, her calm, nurturing manner certainly helps the children. Mrs Ahmed was great too, she has a lovely way of dealing with the children.

The provision itself was great, everything you would expect from a specialist provision to be honest, if not more!

I found it to be a positive learning environment, it was very welcoming. Both staff members used everything they do around emotional literacy to provide an academic learning opportunity and emotional literacy is embedded in the academic work they do. I know the pupils are out of maths and English in the morning but they do this in the provision and what they were learning was well differentiated, fun, chunked and they could show some progression.

Both staff members work really hard to keep up the positivity, support, enthusiasm, reminders, rewards and lots more, this is not an easy job and they do it very well. They must be exhausted at the end of the day as the pupils can easily tip over the edge.

The pupils are well trained and were doing the right thing most of the time today, it was lovely to see them asking to do phonics and expressing their love of maths. Sanctions were given and as it was explained so clearly they took it. There is a lot of self-reflection happening which means the pupils become more self-aware and more able to regulate their behaviour.

I don't really have any recommendations, maybe more academic displays around vocab, word of the day or something similar would finish it off nicely but overall the pupils seems to be thriving, they are learning how to behave and becoming ready to learn which is very important. They are gaining confidence in their learning and I would guess relationships with parents is much better as they are having a more positive experience in school.

On top of this, I'm guessing the other children are able to learn and the teachers can teach which will help the results in school and hopefully the behaviour in the class is better when the pupils go back in the afternoon.

Well done to everyone involved, I know it's a big financial commitment but well worth it as it's very impressive and Terri-Anne is super.

I have told Diane to go and see it so she can pass on to other schools, you could start charging!!

Kind regards

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