

Ofsted Statement 2022

We are pleased that inspectors recognise the happy and caring ethos of our school and its numerous areas of strength, such as many areas of the school curriculum, safeguarding, personal development, planning for the students' futures and behaviour of our pupils, as well as our post 16 provision.

We fully recognise the areas of improvement that they have suggested and these have already been identified as a priority on our school development plan since the beginning of academic year 21/22 and continue to be a priority for us.

Positive feedback statements from our Ofsted inspection:

- Pupils feel happy and safe. Relationships between staff and pupils are strong. Pupils know that staff care about them and are interested in their well-being.
- Pupils say that since arriving at Meadows School their lives have improved a lot. Parents and carers are supportive of this. One parent said, 'My child is a lot more settled at this school.'
- The school is very aware of the potential dangers and threats that pupils could encounter. These include online risks. Staff talk to pupils about how to stay safe when using social media.
- Leaders and staff provide a wide range of opportunities beyond the school. These support pupils' cultural understanding and broaden their horizons and views of the world.
- Across the school, staff make sure that pupils know how to ask for help and advice. There is a structured programme to prepare pupils for their future lives.
- Staff are sensitive to pupils' needs. Over the months they are at the school, pupils gradually improve their self-confidence.
- The school's wide curriculum enriches pupils' lives. Many pupils say how much they enjoy activities such as fishing, visiting farms and outdoor education. The beautiful and extensive grounds provide a calm space for pupils to de-stress in.
- Provision for careers education and work experience is strong. Pupils are helped to explore a range of possible careers options and enjoy a comprehensive work experience package.
- Staff have good partnerships with families and carers. This enables staff to provide help, or signpost families to the support that is needed.
- Pupils, and students in the sixth form, gain a range of accreditations and qualifications. Leaders ensure that students complete the right qualifications so that they will achieve success.
- The school provides many opportunities for pupils' personal development. Leaders ensure that pupils gain a greater awareness of their own physical and mental health needs.

