

24th April 2019

Dear Emma

I am pleased to inform you that Maplewell Hall School has received an Accredited Award from the Autism Accreditation Awards Committee.

The award committee found that the standards expected by Autism Accreditation are overall met. Support provided for autistic pupils is effective and person centered with access to a range of therapeutic interventions and flexible curriculum choices. As a result, autistic pupils achieve positive outcomes that improve their quality of life. Relationships between pupils and staff were purposeful and positive, creating a nurturing and caring environment. Feedback from parents/carers is very positive. The committee were impressed with the Preparation for Adulthood framework and the school's strong focus on supporting the transition from school to adult life. The range of extended day activities is also of note.

In order to develop practice further, the school should consider the points identified in the assessment report. In particular there needs to be greater consistency in how staff communicate with pupils in terms of allowing processing time, avoiding complex verbal language and making effective use of visual supports.

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Your feedback on the process is of great value to us, and if you have not done so already, and are able, please complete our brief feedback survey using the following link: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AutismAccreditationSurvey2018/>

Congratulations again on this achievement, the committee look forward to your continued development and success within our programme.

Yours Sincerely

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