

To whom it may concern

Further to the recent Ofsted Report that was completed for Elliott Park School, as parents of a Year 5 pupil, we feel that this report is contradictory and by its content is very defamatory as it does not reflect the learning and teaching that the children receive.

As parents, we are at a loss to understand how in one sentence it states that the children throughout each year group do not achieve and make progress, but then states the SATs and Kent Test results that the children attain are high and, in particular, one child received one of the highest Ken Test scores. The data reported does not statistically reflect when a child joins EPS mid academic year.

The children receive excellent teaching which results in their academic achievements and their onward journey into secondary education, with the right skills and confidence to make this transition. The ethos that the school instils is evident to see. The children are impeccably behaved, respectful to teachers and their peers and moreover are happy and content.

Why as parents of a Year 5 child would we continue to send our child to an independent school if we were not happy with her education and how she is performing?

As a newspaper, you gave the school less than 2 hours to respond as they were busy with the children at a local singing event. To write a negative report based on only inspectors' views would have such a detrimental effect as to possibly affect the future of the school. This is something that we would be very unhappy and sad to read as we have fully endorsed the education that our child has received.

I trust you will acknowledge receipt of this email and its content and form a non biased view following the report, not just to take the report's contents at face value.

Yours sincerely,

Mr and Mrs Wilson