



NORSACA
quality of life for people with autism

For immediate release

Sutherland House School is 'outstanding' – it's official!

Specialist autism school Sutherland House has received an 'outstanding' result from its recent Ofsted inspection. This builds upon the 'outstanding' result the school received when it was last inspected in 2007. The school makes provision for up to 94 pupils with autism based at five sites in and around Nottingham and is run by regional autism charity NORSACA.

Ofsted's report, which has been published today (Wednesday 23rd March) states that the school's "*ethos places the pupils at the heart of every decision made and every lesson taught.*" It goes on to say that '*all aspects of pupils' personal outcomes are outstanding*' and "*parents and carers overwhelmingly value the work of the school with unanimous agreement that their children enjoy school. This is an extremely impressive outcome, as many pupils in the school had very unsettled, and often unhappy, experiences of education prior to joining the school.*"

Maria Allen, Principal of Sutherland House School, said "*We're delighted that the Inspectors have recognised the quality of the school and the hard work of all our staff once again. We're also extremely pleased that the report acknowledges the support that parents receive from the school and the commitment we have to further development and improvement.*"

For more information on Sutherland House and School and NORSACA please visit www.sutherlandhouse.org.uk.

To View Ofsted's report please visit their website: www.ofsted.gov.uk.

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Note to Editors:

NORSACA (Nottingham Regional Society for Adults and Children with Autism) is a registered charity (No. 517954) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 2053860). The Society was started on the initiative of a group of parents in 1968 and today is still led by the parents and friends of people with autism.

Each year NORSACA delivers services to over 700 people with autism, or affected by autism. The people who benefit from NORSACA's work principally come from the East Midlands and South Yorkshire.

Autism is a complex, life-long disability which affects the development of communication, social and life skills.

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