

Report praises skilled and nurturing teaching staff

An independent school that caters for children and young people with challenging behaviour has been hailed by the education watchdog.

Inspectors from Education Scotland visited Kilbarchan's Northview House School, which is run by the Curo Salus organisation, and found that the residential school has a strongly supportive and nurturing ethos where being kind to one another is featured highly.

"Relationships are extremely positive across the school," the watchdog's report states.

"This enables all children and young people to feel safe and cared for, which helps them to engage in learning".

"All staff are highly ambitious for children and young people to achieve positive outcomes".

Sally Dolan, head of education and psychology at Northview House school, which opened in 2005, welcomed the report.

"We are absolutely thrilled," she said.

"This is a tremendous acknowledgement of the hard work that we do here".

The Education Scotland report adds that staff have a strong awareness of the needs of children and young people attending the school.

"Almost all staff are adept at ensuring that children and young people receive appropriate support to maintain their focus on learning," it states.

"As a result, most lessons are calm, and learners are very well behaved".

"In a few lessons, when distracted, children and young people are withdrawn from lessons to enable them to self-regulate their behaviour".

"As a result of highly skilful support from teaching assistant and childcare workers, learners quickly re-engage with learning when they return to lessons".

The school has been told by Education Scotland that staff should continue to develop the use of digital technology to enhance learning experiences.

Read the full report at;

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/renfrewshire/8680043>