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Dear Colleague

**Re: Lakeside School**

Reference No.	27475
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It is with great delight that I am able to confirm that the Autism Accreditation Award Committee have awarded the above registration an Advanced specialist Award

The Committee found evidence from the Accreditation report that the provision is meeting the criteria for an Advanced Award. In particular:

- Staff have an excellent working knowledge of evidence-informed approaches associated with good autism practice including SCERTS, TEACCH, Intensive Interaction.
- They can adapt these specialist approaches with creativity so that support is highly personal-centred and tailored to individual qualities, abilities, interests, preferences and challenges
- Practice is consistently informed by an understanding of how to support each autistic individual in their communication and social interaction; in becoming more self-reliant; in sensory regulation and in maintaining their emotional well-being.
- Class teams work as a cohesive unit with the class teacher facilitating learning.
- The Autism Team are an invaluable resource for the school providing both proactive and reactive support to class teams.
- Evidence has been submitted by the provision of initiatives or innovations that have had a considerable impact on the quality-of-life of autistic individuals and on the understanding that families, other professionals or members of the public have about autism.



- Evidence has been submitted by the provision of the contribution it has made to knowledge and understanding of best practice in supporting autistic individuals
- The overwhelming majority of feedback from parent/carers is positive.

Although some areas of development are highlighted in the report these relate to building upon existing good practice and do not detract from what the school achieves in terms of the outcomes it helps young people to achieve

Congratulations on demonstrating the highest standards of good practice in supporting autistic individuals.

Yours Sincerely

Stephen Dedridge  
Quality Manager  
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