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## Breakwater children's home retains outstanding Ofsted rating

West Sussex County Council's Breakwater children's home in Shoreham has once again been rated outstanding by Ofsted, following its latest inspection.

Ofsted's report highlights Breakwater's exceptional ability to provide a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment for children with social, emotional and mental health needs. Inspectors praised staff at the home for "exceptional levels of nurture, enabling children to make remarkable progress across all areas of their lives."

All six of the county council's children's homes are rated either as outstanding or good.

This continued recognition from Ofsted reinforces West Sussex County Council's dedication to deliver high-quality, child-centred services that make a lasting difference in young lives.

Ofsted rated Breakwater outstanding in the following areas:

- Overall experiences and progress of children and young people
- How well children and young people are helped and protected
- The effectiveness of leaders and managers

Councillor Jacquie Russell, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning, said: "This outstanding rating is a testament to the incredible work of the Breakwater team. It reflects our deep commitment as a county council to providing children and young people with the best possible care and support they need to thrive. We are determined to ensure every child in our care feels safe, heard, and hopeful for their future.

"The county council has invested a significant amount into the refurbishment of Breakwater and some of our other children's homes. It is good to see that this, coupled with the highly effectively leadership team, has helped the home achieve an outstanding rating."

[Ofsted's full report on Breakwater is available to read on its website.](#)

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