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School judged outstanding for helping expelled pupils



Trevor Loft, head teacher at the Bradford Central Pupil Referral Unit with pupils, (from left), Jamie Bell, Harry Pullan, Rahim Gul, and Declan McShane

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A SCHOOL that helps turn round the lives of expelled pupils has been called "outstanding" and is credited with making significant improvements in the lives of some of Bradford's most vulnerable children.

The Bradford Central Pupil Referral Unit was praised by Ofsted for its rapid improvement in a report now made public.

It judged the school outstanding in every category, including pupil behaviour, and inspectors found that the majority of students attending the school re-engage with education and end up returning to mainstream school.

They spoke to several pupils during the visit, and said they were "struck by the high levels of trust they have in the staff".

The PRU takes students from across the Bradford district and comprises two separate sites, Aireview in [Saltaire](#) and Jesse Street in Bradford. It provides places for up to ten weeks for students who have either been permanently excluded from school or are at risk of permanent exclusion. It has 55 pupils on its roll.

Nationally only 14 per cent of PRUs are given the top judgement by Ofsted. At the last inspection the Bradford PRU was judged "good".