



SANDHURST

— PRIMARY SCHOOL —

27th September 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

You will be aware that we recently received a monitoring inspection by Ofsted and are now able to share with you the outcomes of the recent inspection. The full report is available on the school website: <http://www.sandhurst.kent.sch.uk/inspection-reports/> and it will be available on the Ofsted website from 4th October:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/118282>

The visit was to view how the school has been taking action in relation to our OFSTED report in October 2016.

We are delighted to have been told that: “Senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection in order to become a **good school**.”

Whilst we did not necessarily agree with everything in the original report, we did say after it was published that, “We continue to have a clear vision to build on and ensure that all pupils at Sandhurst Primary School achieve their full potential.” Less than a year later, the confidence that we as Governors, the School Leadership Team and all members of staff had in our combined strength and knowledge has been recognised in this report.

Mark Cole, has made wide ranging positive comments, and I would like to highlight some of these.

- 1) The executive headteacher and head of school work very well together and are a positive force for school improvement.
- 2) Leaders know their school very well.
- 3) Plans for improvement are appropriately ambitious, focused on the things that will make the biggest difference to pupils and are clear about what success will look like
- 4) Leaders have swiftly improved many aspects of the school’s work.
- 5) Behaviour in the school is good.
- 6) Classrooms are calm and purposeful.
- 7) Parents and carers value the nurturing and caring support that pupils receive.
- 8) At the end of key stage 2 in 2016, pupils, including the most able and those who are disadvantaged, made strong progress in reading and mathematics.
- 9) In 2017 all pupils, including the most able and most able disadvantaged pupils, made strong progress in reading, writing and mathematics.
- 10) The school is now very well placed for its next full inspection.

The last point was very positive for us to hear in that an experienced HMI Inspector truly felt that we would be ready to be assessed as a good school.



Results in 2016 showed that our pupils exceeded expected levels, and indeed exceeded both Kent and National averages. I wrote in November 2016 that, “Equally no complacency exists within the school and there is a desire to get better and better and we have taken on board the recommendations made and will address them.” I am delighted to report that the staff and children at Sandhurst school exceeded 2016 results. A full breakdown is available on the school website but a few figures taken from the link below show the true strength of the school.

<http://www.sandhurst.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Results-2017-for-the-website.pdf>

Equally in 2017, nationally 61% of students achieved the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 2 in Maths, Reading and Writing. At Sandhurst this was 83%. Additionally, those children achieving the highest standard also exceeded national expectations.

Key Stage 1 showed a similar story, with Sandhurst students exceeding the national averages in Maths, Reading and Writing.

Whilst the report states that, “Governors, the local authority and parents are overwhelmingly positive about the impact that senior leaders have had on the school.” - this is only part of the story. Every member of staff has taken on the challenge that we faced after the OFSTED report. Their willingness to embrace the areas that needed improvement has been impressive. I am pleased that they have continued to recognise our strengths; it is easy to forget the good things when faced with negative comments.

When I visit the school, I am constantly taken by the atmosphere within it. Children and staff care about all who work with them, but are equally caring and supportive of each other; these attributes cannot be measured. I am delighted that Mr Cole saw this and commented on, “the nurturing and caring support that pupils receive.”

The progress of the school has come from a combined effort. It has been achieved by the staff working closely with your children; with your continued support and ultimately how our pupils approach their work and their daily life.

Again, there will be no complacency. The report states that, “Plans for improvement are appropriately ambitious, focused on the things that will make the biggest difference to pupils and clear about success will look like.” This recognises that the school continues to drive ever forward.

Should you have any further questions about the Ofsted inspection, or indeed any other aspects of the school please contact either Lindsay, Amanda or myself at headteacher@sandhurst.kent.sch.uk or sfisher@sandhurst.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards,



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Chair of Governors

