



# Sandy Lane Primary School

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*"Taking Pride in our Achievements"*

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

It gives me great pleasure to circulate our recent Ofsted inspection report following the inspection on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Three inspectors were in school for a two-day period making judgements on the effectiveness of leadership and management, the quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare, outcomes for pupils and early years provision. This contributes to an overall judgement of effectiveness:

Sandy Lane is a school that Requires Improvement, however the personal development, behaviour and welfare of its pupils is good.

I would encourage you to read the twelve page report as it contains important information regarding the school and the journey we have been on over the last two and a half years since the last inspection. As most of you know, unfortunately Sandy Lane has had a significant amount of change during the last two years and this is reflected on the Ofsted report. However, Mr Davies and his team have made a huge impact since September and as a result Ofsted have identified the following strengths:

- The newly formed leadership team is ambitious to cultivate a school where everyone excels. Clear improvement in teaching and pupil's progress is already evident.
- Governors have supported the school well through a period of change. They use their wide range of experience to challenge and support school leaders to improve the school.
- Parents and staff are supportive of the new leadership team and recognise the positive changes that have been made.
- Pupils enjoy school. They behave well, have positive attitudes to learning and attend regularly.
- Safeguarding arrangements are effective.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every stakeholder who has been part of the school improvement journey. The teachers, senior leaders, teaching assistants and office staff have all worked extremely hard to provide the best possible provision for our children. I would also like to thank the pupils whose behaviour continues to be a central part of Sandy Lane's ethos and values. Finally, a special mention for our parents who have continued to support Sandy Lane during some particularly challenging periods. Sandy Lane's success is dependent upon teachers, governors, parents and children working together to improve our school.

The Ofsted report details areas for improvement which the senior leadership team will review and act upon. Governors will use these points to hold the school to account over the next two years.

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Thanks to the strong foundations Mr Davies and his team have built Sandy Lane is moving forwards in its journey to Good in all areas.

Kind regards

Brian Poxon

Chair of Governors

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