



Nurture, Grow, Flourish.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Outstanding in all areas: celebrating our OFSTED Inspection

As you may be aware, we were inspected by Ofsted last month and I am delighted to share the wonderful news that Forest and Sandridge has been graded as **Outstanding** in each of the five areas inspected. These are the highest gradings a school can achieve. This is a remarkable achievement and a true testament to the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our entire school community including our amazing team of staff, brilliant children, invaluable governors and you, our supportive parents and carers.

The report reflects our commitment to the community and the high-quality education we provide, which is all underpinned by our strong Christian vision and ethos. The report recognises that Forest and Sandridge *“is a happy and welcoming school where pupils flourish. The school’s meaningful values of compassion, respect, courage and humility nurture pupils and enable them to thrive.”*

I hope you will read the report in full, however here are some of the highlights from the inspection:

Quality of Education – Outstanding:

- Inspectors praised **our ambitious curriculum** and the **high expectations the school has for all pupils**. Inspectors highlighted that pupils’ live up to these expectations.
- Inspectors commented on how **reading sits at the heart of the school’s work**.
- Staff identify pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) **quickly and accurately and make adaptations to help pupils with SEND**.

Behaviour and Attitudes – Outstanding:

- The ethos of support and care, alongside a strong culture for learning, contributes to **pupils behaving impeccably well**.

Personal Development – Outstanding:

- Inspectors recognised that **the school’s provision for pupils’ personal development is exceptional** and pupils are keen to support each other.
- **Pupils enjoy positions of responsibility** in many different areas of the school.
- The **school’s residential visits**, open to all, support pupils to learn life skills and to engage in adventurous activities which help build their confidence.

Leadership and Management – Outstanding:

- There is **strong leadership at all levels** within the school and trust.
- High quality professional development **continually strengthens leadership and teaching**.

Early Years Provision – Outstanding:

- **A High-quality Early Years provision** (Nursery and Reception years) where the nurturing environment develops children’s independence and curiosity.

This outstanding outcome belongs to everyone. It is a reflection of the shared values that define Forest and Sandridge Primary School and our belief that every child deserves the very best to enable them to flourish. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and will continue to work tirelessly to ensure our school is a place where all children can flourish. I am so proud to lead our school community and this judgement validates the dedication of an extremely hard-working team of staff and the brilliant children who learn here. Thank you for your ongoing support – it truly makes a difference.

Kind Regards,

**Mr James
Headteacher**