



MERRYLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really pleased to be able to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. The school was graded as 'Good' in all five of the judgement areas: quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, early years provision as well as leadership and management.

We are delighted that the inspectors recognised how hard the children and staff at Merrylands work as well as the challenges that the school has faced in recent years. They praised the children for their learning behaviours and attitudes and could see the impact of our new core values: respect, kindness and perseverance. They recognised that our staff teach lessons well and the children make good progress with their learning. They found our school to be highly inclusive and recognised how the curriculum is adapted to meet children's individual needs.

Ofsted also recognised the high-quality provision provided in our Nursery and Reception classes saying that the children get off to a flying start with an ambitious curriculum that develops children's confidence and independence. We were also really pleased to see Ofsted recognise the successful introduction of Forest School at Merrylands and the positive impact this is having across the school.

Ofsted identified some key next steps for the school in order for us to continue to develop and grow. This year we have raised the profile of good attendance through a range of new initiatives and incentives and we have also worked closely with individual families. Ofsted recognised the strategies we currently have in place but want us to continue to review and further develop strategies so all children within the school attend regularly and achieve the best education. We will continue to work in partnership with all parents/carers to achieve this goal.

Ofsted also gave a target related to curriculum subject leadership. As many of you will be aware, in the last 12 months we have had some staff leave the school, others join and several change role due to promotion. This has led to many changes in leadership positions and responsibilities including those responsible for overseeing the delivery of the curriculum. With several new curriculum subject leaders, we had already identified this as an area of development for the school and have been providing appropriate training to staff. Ofsted again recognised the work that has already been done in this area and set a target for us to continue to develop this in order to further improve the quality of the curriculum we already offer at Merrylands.

Following this successful Ofsted inspection, we are now looking forward to the building of our new school. This is an exciting time for all of us with the opportunity for our whole school community to build on our achievements so far in a new learning environment.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the whole school community on this successful Ofsted inspection and say thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support. We look forward to further developing our partnership with all parents/carers, staff members and governors to make Merrylands an even better school.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School