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Sandhill Primary School Ofsted Outcome

Dear Parent / Carer,

Accompanying this letter is the most recent outcome of our Ofsted Inspection that took place on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The school was previously inspected in April 2018, prior to becoming part of the Every Child Matters Academy Trust in May 2020. The report has been emailed to all parents and is also on our schools website. The school has maintained an overall requires improvement Ofsted judgement, however we are particularly happy that the inspectors identified the many improvements that have been made and the areas that are now judged to be good in school.

The school was inspected in 5 areas:

*The quality of education*

*Behaviour and attitudes*

*Personal development*

*Leadership and management*

*Early Years provision*

*Which then gives the overall effectiveness of the school*

The Ofsted outcomes for Sandhill Primary School are; good in Early Years provision and Personal Development and although the inspection team recognised the many improvements that have been made the judgement remains as requires improvement in the Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes and Leadership and Management. This gives an Overall Effectiveness judgement of Requires Improvement. Ofsted recognised that the school was close to being judged as a good school and therefore identified only 2 succinct areas for improvement. This is significantly better than at the last inspection where 5 extensive areas for improvement were identified in the previous inspection report.

As a school we are so please that the inspectors saw that '**since the current trust took responsibility for the school things have been moving in the right direction. The quality of education in mathematics, reading and English is now much better**' and that '**the focus on pupils' personal development is strong**'.

It was so pleasing that the inspectors saw the strength of teaching in phonics, reading and maths across the school.

**'Teachers are skilful and well trained in the teaching of phonics. The picture in mathematics is similar.'**

It was also pleasing that the inspectors recognised that '**leaders and staff carefully consider pupils wider development. They want pupils to have respect, to be responsible and to be ready to learn. Leaders plan lots of opportunities for pupils to develop these attributes. Pupils' behaviour has improved.**'

With regards to the next steps; it was good to see that the lead inspector felt that only two priorities were needed to secure the school as a good school meaning we are very close to securing this judgement. Both of these areas, leaders and teachers are aware of and are already working on.

I know much of the success of our school is down to the tireless work of the staff, the behaviours and attitudes of our pupils and the support of their families, so I would like to thank everyone for contributing towards this improved Ofsted outcome. We will now continue to work hard with the whole school community to ensure the school receives a secure good outcome at its next inspection

Yours sincerely,

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