



Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have recently seen reports in the press that name our school as one of the schools that has not reached government targets.

As parents ourselves, we want to reassure you that the school fully recognises its areas in which it needs to grow, improve and develop. Consequently, we have proactively and with urgency addressed some of the various issues which caused the underperformance such as poor-quality teaching, lack of resources to support extended learning at home and amendments to our curriculum which allow additional opportunities to develop extend writing (this being the area that pulled down our combined percentage of pupils reaching the standard across Reading, Writing and Maths).

We equally passionately believe, as does all the current staff and governors here, in ensuring the emotional well-being of all our pupils, so that they are happy confident young people. Our staff care about our pupils and we have a very nurturing environment which many visitors to school comment upon. Our Early Year pupils make amazing progress in their learning journey and right across the school, we now see children interested and eager to have new experiences, a thirst for learning, developing new skills and acquiring new knowledge. We feel that these are significant successes to celebrate. As you will recognise when children come into school, and equally importantly when they come out at the end of the day, they have smiling faces. Unfortunately, there isn't a statistic to measure this.

We hugely value, respect and encourage the support we have from our parents, carers and our extended Woodfield family community. It's heartening and encouraging to know that this will continue in light of the said report. Woodfield is changing and growing, and staff and governors are working tirelessly to continue this drive to raise standards for all of our children, both now and in the years to come.

We look forward to the continued journey that we share with you regarding your child's development and learning.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Hyde
Chair of Governors

Neil Hedworth
Headteacher