

Fourlanesend C.P. School



Values for Life

2016 Kernow Cup Winners for
'Outstanding behaviour and
sportsmanship'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to finally share with you the result from our recent Ofsted inspection. We are very proud to have been recognised as a **good** school. This means that we have been graded consistently **good** since 2007. This is a huge achievement - particularly considering the way in which education has evolved in recent years - and reflects the hard work and tremendous effort that everyone has put in.

Following our previous good inspection in October 2012, we were in receipt of an Ofsted section 8 inspection. This meant that the inspector examined every aspect of school life in one day. In order to do this: the books of all children were scrutinised to ensure all children are making good or better progress; children, staff and governors were spoken to; lessons were observed and documents, policies and the website were viewed to ensure that our evaluation of the school was accurate. Additionally, the development of the school since our last inspection was examined to confirm that we have continued to: uphold high expectations; achieve high standards and evolve to meet the needs of the new curriculum.

We invite you to read the outcome of this inspection which is enclosed. Because of the nature of the inspection, you will note that this comes in the form of a letter addressed to myself and does not have a breakdown of different graded areas as in a full inspection report. We are particularly delighted that the inspector recognised that we 'expect the highest quality of teaching from staff and firmly believe that every pupil has the potential to excel at school' and that our 'vision and school values lie at the heart of (our) approach'. Above all, we are extremely proud that he found that the pupils 'were fully engaged and enthusiastic about their work and spoke to (him) with confidence and self-assurance'.

Fourlanesend is a community school that prepares pupils for lifelong learning. We believe that we excel in this because of our size and the personal touch this allows, as well as the unique location and resources available to us. Being a small school allows us to secure a close partnership between parents and teachers. For the pupils, it ensures that they feel safe, confident and valued from the start of their school journey. The National Association for Small Schools (NASS) states that 'small schools are at the top of national performance, not least in low income and remote areas' and that 'the small-scale, human-scale model of education represented in small schools is the closest to the way all of us learn in the real world at home and at work'.

We truly are a successful small community school and have been for over ten years. We could not have achieved this without the continued support of parents, staff, governors and the wider community and above all, your lovely children. Without them, none of this would be possible.

We hope you enjoy reading the report. If you do have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

With heartfelt thanks on behalf of all the staff and governors,

Rebecca Norton (Headteacher) Simon King (Chair of Governors)