



MANOR COURT
Community Primary School
Incorporating
Manor Court Early Years Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers

End of year school review

It is with great pleasure that the local governing body, all staff and I, can share with you the outcome of the hard work of all children, their families and the staff who are employed in our school. We are confident that within less than three terms of our last full Ofsted Inspection, we have made such progress, that we will be judged at least 'Good' against all aspects of the inspection criteria in our next full inspection. This conclusion has been validated by external school improvement advisors, including those employed by Somerset County Council. This is the first time that the school will be judged as 'Good' in over fifteen school years.

It is appropriate for us all to be proud of our accomplishments and that despite the challenges that this school year brought, the school has achieved.

Our achievements include both academic and social successes and we have proved that academic accomplishment is possible without cutting aspects of the curriculum and by striving for excellence in these areas too. This year's achievements include:

1. Whole school attendance is above the National Average for all cohorts. Attendance is no longer an issue at Manor Court Primary School and this demonstrates to us that Manor Court Primary School children are happy in school and strive to learn.
2. Exclusion rates are now well below National Averages: Fixed term Exclusion rate at Manor Court is 2.19% vs 4.29% nationally. The number of pupils that have had a fixed term exclusion is also well below National: Manor Court 1.09% vs National 2.11%
3. 80% of our children achieved a Good Level of Development at the conclusion of our Foundation stage. This is 9% above the National Average.
4. 89% of the Year 1 children passed the Phonics screening test. This is above the National Average.
5. 71% of Y2 children achieved age related expectations in each of their end of Key Stage 1 reading, writing and maths assessments. This is an increase of 30% on last year's results and is now in-line with the National Average.
6. 67% of Y6 children achieved at least age related expectations in each of their end of Key Stage 2 Reading, Writing and Maths assessments. This is above the National Average and they are now the highest combined figures in all of Chard.
7. The curriculum has been enriched and will enrich even further in the new academic year, with the introduction of the curriculum that we have been writing over the past two terms. This curriculum will provide more real life experiences and will have a focus on Chard and the wider world.
8. The work of the Inclusion Leader has ensured that our provision for children with any particular need, including SEN is at least good.
9. We have established excellent relationships with key members of the local community, including the local business and Churches in Chard.

10. We have received a Gold Award for our work with Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) which has only been awarded to two other Somerset schools and are applying for the Sainsbury's gold award for PE and the Arts Mark award for the quality art work that we complete in school.

Be assured that we will not rest on our laurels and will continue to strive to provide the best education that we can for your children. Do feel free to share the content of this letter with your friends, family and colleagues.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Talmage', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher