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Dear Parents / Carers,

**Re: Published Ofsted report**

Following our Ofsted Inspection in November, I am delighted to share the final published report to our community.

[CLICK HERE for the published ofsted report](#)

Since 2012, Ofsted have changed their frameworks twice for assessing schools and continued to increase expectations upon school leaders and children. Sandcross' last inspection was assessed under the Framework that came into effect in September 2012. In 2015, the framework changed and in September 2019, it changed again. Sandcross has been assessed under this 2019 Framework which had additional changes in September 2021. The bar has continued to rise and schools have needed to keep up with the various changes.

The Inspection framework looks at the following areas: overall effectiveness, quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development and leadership and management. [CLICK HERE for the Inspection Framework](#)

The Inspection team have confirmed that the school's Overall Effectiveness remains **'GOOD'** and they will return in up to 4 years time (Outcome 1). Whilst the school is demonstrating 'Outstanding' in two areas, they must see 'Outstanding' in ALL areas to recommend outcome 2.

Since my appointment in April 2020, our amazing staff team have worked exceptionally hard to develop all aspects of our school and meet the increased expectations of this Ofsted Framework. Our school is and continues to be on an exciting journey of school improvement and this report affirms the incredible work done by everyone in the school. Reassuringly, the development points identified were already in our School Improvement Planning document.

Every member of our school community plays an important role in the development of a school and I feel exceptionally proud and honoured to lead Sandcross. We are a great school who will continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure every aspect of our school is the best it can possibly be.

May I take this opportunity to thank our Trust Central Team - Penny Machell, CEO and Glenn Livingstone, Director of Education, as well as our Trustees, Local Committee, Senior Leadership Team, incredible staff team, children and parents for working in partnership and who have all contributed in some form to the successes of this report. Thank you!

### What outcomes could the Inspection team have given?

- Outcome 1 – the school continues to be a good school. Ofsted are satisfied that the school remains good and will not return for another 4 years.
- Outcome 2 – the school was previously judged to be good and it remains so and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that it might be judged outstanding if it received a section 5 inspection **at the time** of the section 8 inspection. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection, which will typically take place within 1 to 2 years of the publication of the section 8 inspection report
- Outcome 3 – the lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would receive at least its current grade if a section 5 inspection were carried out at the time of the section 8 inspection. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection within the statutory timeframe, which will typically take place within 1 to 2 years of the publication of the section 8 inspection report, depending on how near to the end of the statutory timeframe the section 8 inspection has taken place
- Outcome 4 – the lead inspector has gathered evidence that suggests that the good or outstanding school may now be inadequate in one or more of the graded judgements under a section 5 inspection, and there are serious concerns about the quality of education, pupils' behaviour or safeguarding. The section 8 inspection will usually be deemed to be a section 5 inspection, usually within 48 hours.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this report with the school, please do not hesitate to contact us. In the meantime, please share the good news with anyone who will listen.

Well done everyone!

Yours faithfully



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