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Dear Parents/Carers,

SATs Results

As you will all know, last week the Year 6 SATs results were published. Due to the lovely new addition to my family I was up at 4.30am and chose to analyse your children's results. I have included a breakdown of these results for the whole year group by subject below:

Oswald Road KS2 Results

Cohort: 60 pupils (each pupil represents approximately 1.6%)

Pupils working at expected standard or above:

Reading: 63% Spag: 67% Writing: 80% (Teacher Assessed) Maths: 62%

Pupils exceeding national standards: Writing: 12%

Manchester local authority combined expected standard (Reading, Writing and Maths): **50%**

Oswald Road combined expected standard (Reading, Writing and Maths): **47%**

These results are by no means what I, Miss Beech or Mr Keeley had hoped for, and certainly not what we expected. After the year I have spent at Oswald Road I know, and I am sure you will agree, that we have a hugely dedicated and talented staff. We have observed the staff regularly, monitored the quality of children's work in their books, and assessed them regularly. These results therefore came as a real surprise to us.

Five hours after I began my analysis, the Department for Education (DfE) released the provisional headline information on the 2016 national curriculum assessments at Key Stage 2. This information shows the following national statistics:

- **53%** of pupils reached the new combined expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics.
- **66%** of pupils reached the expected standard in reading.



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- **72%** of children reached the expected standard in grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- **70%** of children reached the expected standard in mathematics.
- **74%** of children reached the expected standard in writing (this was a teacher assessment, not a test).

This is the first year of the new national assessments as set out by the government, to assess the new National Curriculum, which was introduced two years ago, in an effort to drive up standards. This, coupled with a new testing regime, is intended to 'improve outcomes for your children'.

I am sure that these statistics are neither comforting nor easy to digest, but what is most important to take away is that your children are not just statistics. These results do not tell the full story of the truly fantastic young people your children have become during their time at Oswald Road, full of compassion for others and an excitement for life. Neither do these results reflect the hard work that went into them, or determine how intelligent or mature the pupils who received them are.

Intelligence does not lie solely within a strong grasp of spelling, punctuation, grammar, reading, writing and maths. Intelligence is reflected in the many traits held by our amazing Year 6 children; the ability to speak multiple languages; the passion and drive to compete in a sport; creativity in the arts; an interest in social issues; the confidence and charisma to perform (very well!) in front of a hall full of parents; and the ability to make a teacher smile and laugh in the morning when they thought they were having a bad day.

Whether your child has met the expected standard or not, I am immensely proud of all of their achievements as I am sure you are too. It has been a privilege to watch them flourish this year, and I am convinced that they all have very bright future ahead of them, which will not be hindered by a set of unexpected SATs results.

Yours sincerely,

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