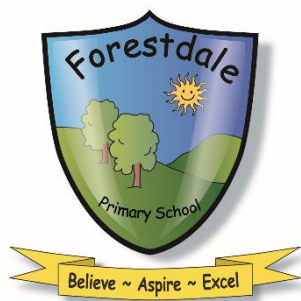




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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of Forestdale Primary School and, importantly, to share the school's recently published Ofsted report with you.

The full report can be read via the school website.

I want to be open and honest with you about the report. Ofsted has identified that the school needs to improve across a number of important areas, including the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development and leadership and management. The report does, however, recognise **inclusion as a strength of the school**.

The inspection took place before I took up my post as Headteacher, but I see the findings as an important starting point for the next chapter of Forestdale. I am not going to shy away from the areas identified for improvement. Instead, I am determined that we use the report constructively to make the changes needed and, most importantly, improve the experience and outcomes of every child at Forestdale.

Since joining the school, I have already begun working with staff and leaders to establish clear priorities for improvement. This includes strengthening our approach to **teaching and learning, behaviour, attendance, safeguarding, leadership and pastoral support**, while building on the things that Forestdale does well.

You will also see some immediate changes to our approach to behaviour and school culture. We are establishing clear and consistent expectations for all children through our **Ready, Respectful, Safe** principles, alongside our **Forestdale Five values**. Our aim is to create a calm, purposeful and positive environment where children know what is expected of them, feel safe and are able to learn.

I appreciate that an Ofsted report such as this may raise questions or concerns for parents and carers. I want to reassure you that I have approached the findings with honesty and determination. There is work to do, but I firmly believe that Forestdale has the people, the potential and the commitment to make the improvements required.

My priority is, and will always be, **the children of Forestdale**. I am looking forward to working in partnership with you, listening to your views and ensuring that our school continues to move forward.

We will be holding a parents' meeting on Friday 11th September at 2:45pm to discuss the report and hear your views, answer any questions you may have and share our plans for moving forward this year.

Thank you for your support as we begin this next chapter at Forestdale.

Best wishes,

Mr Cox

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