



# MILE CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

With this letter, I am pleased to enclose our recent Ofsted report.

It's ten years since we first opened the doors to Mile Cross Primary School. Wow! what a journey we've been on since then! To date, we have had six Ofsted inspections. Until the forth, we were on each occasion judged a 'Satisfactory' School. Then, in March 2014, it was confirmed that Mile Cross Primary School was officially, a 'Good' school, and this was a colossal achievement in itself.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November this year, I sat in my office with the five Ofsted Inspectors, listening to their feedback and to what they thought of our amazing school. I have to be honest and tell you that at the end of that feedback, I shed a tear!

I'm writing now to tell you that we have become one of a very few schools in the country to be judged 'Outstanding' (the top ranking), not just as an overall rating, but in every category - and just writing that gives me goose bumps! Let's be quite clear: this is a monumental achievement for us all – an astonishing moment in the history of our school and one in which we must all take great pride. So - Thank you, Thank you! Thank you for all the support you have given over the years!

Becoming an 'Outstanding' school represents an enormous team effort and we have so many to thank. These include parents, children and staff, both past and present, and also a vast number of willing volunteers over the years. Every day, for ten years, we have worked tirelessly to ensure we provide a world class education for the children of Mile Cross. In the words of a famous modern writer, 'Small daily improvements over time lead to stunning results' – and that's it, the key to our success: everyone pulling together every day to do even the little things better than anyone else. We've shared an unswerving desire to make certain that our children receive outstanding teaching in every lesson!

So - rest assured of the exceptional foundation we now have to build upon, as we look to further improve our school! As they always do, Ofsted have highlighted a small number of areas to be addressed. One of them has already been accomplished. The other concerns our improving Writing in the Early Years – and it's already on our School Development and Improvement Plan.

Our aim was to be one of the best Primary Schools in the land, and that was no small undertaking. Our achievement of that aim would have been impossible without the backing you gave your children and the school. But to move on from there now – to achieve the objective of becoming significantly better – is going to require your continuing support into the future. Your assistance will be key to what we aim to achieve going forward. We know that what we're aiming at will take time, but we also know that patience has been the quality we have valued above all else over the 10 years it has taken us to build what we have today. I believe that we will achieve that objective, and I know you believe it too, and that you will commit yourselves to it from here on!

A very proud and honoured

Mr. Allen