



# MARISH ACADEMY TRUST



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Dear Parents and carers,

I am very pleased to enclose a copy of the recent Ofsted report, following the inspection of Willow at the end of June. This states that 'Willow is a good school' and commends our children in many different ways. A few highlights are quoted below:

- *Pupils behave well and feel safe in the school. They have positive attitudes towards their learning.*
- *Pupils show great respect towards those from different cultures and religions.*
- *Pupils have good relationships with staff and feel confident that any concerns would be quickly addressed by their class teacher.*
- *During the inspection, pupils in Year 5 were seen to be developing their skills in public speaking when they wrote and delivered inspirational speeches to the rest of the class.*

I am sure that you along, with the whole staff team and the governors will be very proud of their achievements which will be outlined in their end of year reports which will be sent out this week, before we break up for the holidays on Friday. Moreover, this year, we have the best results ever at Willow, across Early Years, KS1 and KS2 and are above national averages in all areas. The highlights are given below:

**Early Years Foundation Stage percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development- Willow 76% National average figure for 2015 66%**

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check -Willow 88% passed, National average 2015 79%**

**Year 2 KS1 Sats percentage working at expected in Reading, Writing and Maths, 73% 69% and 78% respectively. (These figures cannot be compared to the previous year's results as we have a new national assessment framework in 2016)**

**Year 6 KS2 Sats percentage working at expected in Reading, Writing and Maths combined is 73%.The national average figure for 2016 has been released already and is 53%.**

This is no small achievement for a school that was opened as to provide extra places and was in special measures just four years ago. None of this would be possible without the children and the support of their parents and families, so thank you for working in partnership with us, so effectively.

I look forward to seeing many of you and all the children back at Willow on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 at the usual times. Have a wonderful and well- deserved summer holiday,

Mrs H. G Denham, Executive Headteacher, Marish Academy Trust



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