



# JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Joy Lane Autism Provision & Oyster Bay Nursery School

Headteacher: Ms D J Hines

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we had our Ofsted inspection on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 and it is with extreme pleasure that I am able to report that our wonderful School has been judged as 'GOOD'; this was conducted under the new framework that was introduced on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

The new Inspection framework has further raised the expectations of children, staff and governors and continues to further focus on progress, achievement and attainment.

This is the third Ofsted Inspection of the School since its amalgamation in September 2007 and the third time we have been judged as 'GOOD'!

Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director of Education, Learning and Skills wrote to me today saying:

*"Very well done and congratulations to you, the staff and governors for the good inspection outcome. That represents continuous positive improvement from your previous good Ofsted rating and I am very pleased that the school, under your leadership, is doing so well. Thank you for contributing to the improvement in the number of good schools in Kent."*

This demonstrates that the School continues to improve upon previous areas of development and maintains, sustains and improves through numerous changes in Ofsted criteria as the Educational landscape changes.

This Inspection was very different to the last one of May 2012 – the Inspectors do not write to the children and there is a sharper focus on behaviour for learning and safety of the children. It was disappointing that only 14.5% (49/337) families responded to Parent View on-line, which are the views Inspectors remark on in the report; they conducted a personal survey of parents and carers who were all pleased with our School and the way we communicate with you. I would like to thank the Parents and Carers who came in personally to speak with the Lead Inspector – it is very much appreciated.

I am very proud to be a member of the Joy Lane team and our Ofsted judgement reflects the exceedingly hard work of the Staff and Governors, in supporting the vision to provide and excellent all round education for all our Children at Joy Lane and for continuing to inspire our local community - it is a real pleasure to be here.

I will be inviting you to a parent/carer coffee morning workshop early next term in order to discuss how we further communicate with you besides our coffee mornings, parent partnership meetings, newsletters, website; I would like to ask how you would prefer to be communicated with.

During our parent consultation meetings next week, I would be happy to discuss any elements of the report that you would like clarified. In the meantime, I would like to reassure you that our focus will remain on raising standards and promoting excellence whilst providing an enriched curriculum where every child continues to flourish.

With my very best regards,

*Ms. D J Hines*

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Headteacher