



Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to our wonderful school!

Pikes Lane School is a very happy school where everyone is valued and **everyone** works together to achieve the best in all aspects of school life. We believe that, **'Everyone Matters!'** and expect everyone at school to be committed to our core values.

The school is larger than average and pupils come from diverse backgrounds. Visitors comment on the happy and caring ethos of the school and the quality of relationships. We have a consistent approach in all aspects of philosophy and practice and all staff are valued and work successfully as a team. Within this approach the talents and individuality of staff are recognised and fostered. At Pikes Lane we are committed to ensuring the very highest of standards in everything that we do. We believe this is the way to ensure we have a consistently outstanding school. Our vision for Pikes Lane is summarised below:



Our mission is to inspire generations of children in a nurturing and stimulating environment.

Our aim is to always: 'Try our Best, Achieve our Best, 'Together we can be the Best'

Our school motto is **"Together we can be the Best"** the Head teacher, the governors and all staff and pupils constantly work to achieve this.

In our recent **OFSTED inspection in June 2016**, we were delighted to achieve an **outstanding** grading in all areas! The school has been awarded a raft of awards to celebrate its outstanding practice. **We have also achieved the 'Inclusion Award' and became a 'Centre of Excellence for Inclusion.** Last academic year, we achieved the Challenge Award (which is for outstanding educational provision for the more able) and the Health and Wellbeing Award and Investors in People Award. We are currently in the final stages of working towards Governor Mark.

We have also been described as a school where, **'pupils have highly positive attitudes towards their learning. They display resilience and persistence when faced with a challenge.'** In our OFSTED report our use of information technology to enhance learning was seen as a particular strength of the school. We have also been praised for our vibrant indoor and outdoor environment for children and the good quality of teaching and learning. There is an excellent learning environment for the children which includes a state of the art library, vibrant classrooms and wonderful outdoor facilities, including an astro turf! The children are delighted with their school and really enjoy using the play equipment. **'The trim trail is brilliant' 'I love our classrooms and library!'** These are just some of the many positive comments from the children in the school.

We have wonderful staff who always manage to do that something extra which makes our school such a special place. Whilst placing high value on educational standards, we have fun with our children and Pikes Lane is a stimulating and attractive school. Our children respond well to our high expectations and work hard taking a pride in their achievements and their school. They are polite and courteous and these qualities are commented on by the many visitors we have to the school.

We are very proud of our school and we are constantly seeking to improve and welcome any feedback.

Best Wishes, L.P. McArdle, Louise McArdle (Headteacher)

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