



Executive Headteacher: **Miss D Luck**

18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents, Families and Carers

It has been quite a year at Forest Oak School and we have all been delighted with the progress that our children and young people have made; we have had phenomenal achievements which we have rightly all celebrated!

The new pathways in our secondary department are now well embedded and secure staff teams with relevant expertise are in place; this means that the children are having really meaningful and relevant learning opportunities. I have to say above thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children are all receiving the very best; there have been some amazing activities both in and out of school on offer throughout the year! Our website continues to evolve with a wealth of information about what we do and more photos will be added shortly!

We also celebrated our Ofsted result of 'Outstanding' in June - with no recommendations - a huge achievement in the current challenging educational landscape of lack of funds and demand for more and more places. I am extremely proud and truly delighted for us all as this gives us the opportunity to really drive forward now on other new and exciting projects such as a Barcelona School trip and further after school clubs! It shows the huge commitment our staff team have to really being the very best and thus ensuring the children be the best they can be too!

I work really hard with our Senior Leadership Team to ensure we have the right children in the right school and having the right provision; the demand for places in both schools is relentless and almost never ending; the number of Tribunals I now attend for places does add to the pressure of keeping our school in a such a strong and positive place as we all believe it should be!

Sadly, we have some staff leaving us. Tony Rogers, our wonderful Site Manager, is retiring; he has been with the schools for over 18 years. He will be greatly missed; we wish him well in his well-earned break! Maggie Raughter who has been with us for 6 years is leaving to teach at a different SEND school. Also, Lynette Elkin, who has been here for 8 years as an LSA, is taking up a teaching role, again in a local SEND school. Both will be greatly missed for their passion and commitment and we wish them well in the next steps in their careers.

We look forward to welcoming new staff in September who are as passionate as we are about making a difference! You will meet them in September if you have not already been introduced!

None of what we achieve would be possible without your support, the support of our amazing Governing Body and also our amazing students - who truly are the very best! Thank you all!

**'Working together... releasing potential'**





So, I wish you all the very best of Summer breaks and apologise profusely that I probably won't see you until September; the wishes and messages of kindness to get well soon have really meant a lot to me; I am getting better and am almost recovered from the pneumonia I have had; some summer sun will help!

Have a wonderful summer and make lots of amazing memories.

We will see you all on our return to school on September 5th 2024 at the usual time!

All the very best

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Luck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Donna Luck  
Executive Head Teacher