

Governors' Statement on Outcomes

The Year 6 SATs results were very good, which is testament to how hard children, staff and parents/carers have worked and as a governing body, we are delighted. This demonstrates that the school improvement strategies put in place over the last few years are working.

We note that our Key Stage 2 SATs are mostly above the national average, however, our writing score this year is below national average. Although it would be easy to say that this is because the children did not have face to face education over the Covid period, our Senior Leadership Team have already started reviewing the data and looking at areas that they want to focus on to improve over the coming terms. Our reading scores have improved significantly as a result of the one-to-one sessions our staff and teachers have delivered.

The school doesn't focus solely on SATs and 'teaching to the test', we believe this narrows the curriculum. We have identified additional outcomes that we include in our creative curriculum, including independence, creativity, sharing, critical thinking and being a responsible citizen. We care about sport and the arts, encouraging every child to learn new skills and develop their talents and confidence. We work on our children's well-being and promote positive mental health. Above all, we want them to enjoy their learning.

Our Inclusive School

Loughton School has large number of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). For these children there are often barriers to learning. We work hard to help overcome those barriers, but for some sitting a SATs test is extremely difficult. Due to the way that SATs scores are calculated, these children are given a disproportionately low score, and these drastically reduce our overall results, both in attainment and progress scores. If our SEND team, along with the child and their parents, believes that Loughton is the best school for the child, then they will stay here. We accept that this decision may negatively affect our SATs results, but we do not put our SATs results above the well-being of any child.

Geoff Twiselton
Chair of Governors

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