

4th May 2017

Dear Saltford Church of England Primary School

I am writing this letter on Thursday 4th May, 2017 as the Headteacher of Saltford Primary School. We are having six new classrooms built and we decided to hide our capsule in the wall of the building knowing that one day someone would find it.

I am sure that the topics and interests of today are a distant memory for many in your generation. The popular culture, music, style, and attitude, will undoubtedly look and feel different than it does right now.

There are so many different things that I want to share with you about who we are and what is happening in 2017. I am writing this letter from my desk in the main building following a busy access morning for our parents and children.

More importantly, I wonder about all our current pupils and how their life progressed and in what direction. Below are some of our aspirations for the future for Saltford School:

Our Vision: 'Caring for our Community.'

Saltford School will be a school where we have the highest expectations of children and ourselves, where every pupil, no matter his or her starting point, is expected to work as hard as he or she can, and behave as well as he or she can.

Saltford School will be a school where we have truly great teaching & learning, where we have collaborated as a whole staff on finding out what works and we evaluate our practice regularly against what we know works in our context.

Saltford School will be a school where we have the very best training programme for our staff, where every single colleague has a high quality development programme mapped out for them the moment they begin working at our school.

Saltford School will be a school we have the unqualified support of our parents, where parents have the highest aspirations for their children, where they work with us in educating their children.

Saltford School will be a school where we have a challenging, inclusive curriculum, one which is built upon the foundations of reading, writing and maths, and is shaped according to what our pupils need to know, understand and do in order to thrive for the rest of their lives.

Saltford School will be a school where we have pupils making exceptional progress, way beyond what even they themselves think they are capable of making, where we can be as sure as we ever can be that every pupil sets off into the world with the firm foundations of which they can be proud.

Saltford School will be a school where we have a highly functioning Pastoral system, one where our pastoral and academic systems operate seamlessly together as one to ensure that every child at Saltford School has a champion.

Saltford School will be a school where we cherish wellbeing, where every single one of us is wholly committed to our work, but has time to enjoy life beyond Saltford School, with family and friends, so that the school/home is balanced and we embody a celebratory, sustainable approach to life.

Saltford School will be a school where we have a core set of values that we live by, where our core values – Respect, Honesty and Kindness – direct our every interaction to the point where they are woven through us.

Saltford School will be a school where we have the highest reputation, one we genuinely deserve, where our excellence is manifest and the best teachers and support staff want to come and work here – and children from all around want to come and learn here – because they know they will thrive.

Saltford School is a very special school and I hope when you find this letter it has continued to thrive and develop under new leadership.

Our very best for the future.

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