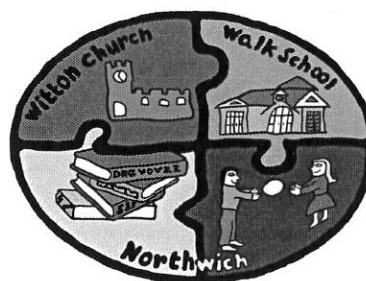


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Dear Sir

RE: Primary School Performance Tables

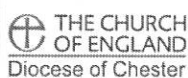
This week the Northwich Guardian will publish Year 6 SAT's results specifically for the Northwich and Winsford area. I would ask you to read the joint statement below from our Northwich Education Partnership.

'On the 14th December 2017 Year 6 SAT's results are published for Primary schools across England. The results Show the 2017 results for reading, spelling, punctuation & grammar and maths tests as well as teacher assessment of writing and demonstrate that Northwich schools and Northwich pupils have done very well.

More children in the Northwich partnership reached the new expected standard in 2017 compared to 2016 and this reflects the commitment of the Northwich schools to improving outcomes for children and can be attributed to our hardworking and committed staff.

Simon Kidwell, NAHT regional representative and a headteacher of a Northwich school said "We welcome the new challenging standards, but higher pass marks and harder assessments have led to more volatility across all schools." He added, "Our partnership of schools believes that taking a single measure and producing league tables is unhelpful; in fact, the Government stopped publishing ranked lists some years ago and as a group we raised concerns about how the results were interpreted in 2016. The results published by the DfE today show a range of indicators including progress scores and average scaled scores, if all of these judgements are taken into account a more accurate picture of how well each school is performing can be seen and league table positions would look very different nationally and locally. Today's extremely positive data only shows a small part of the work we do in our schools. Our partnership asks all parents and carers to treat tables of result with caution; each school and each cohort of children is different, children with wide ranging starting points make good progress across all Northwich schools. As a partnership we work closely together to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children."

Andrew Ross, Chair of the Northwich Education Partnership said, "We are very proud of the excellent work that is going on in our Northwich schools, which focus not only




on academic success but also work together on a range of successful projects for example 'Northwich Sings', the 'Pupil Parliament' and joint training sessions. We believe that these project have had a positive impact upon pupil engagement and achievement."

There is always the temptation to make snap judgements based on the raw statistics which are issued by Central Government regarding Primary School Performance. It may be useful to recognise that the table is based on progress made between end of Key Stage One and end of Key Stage Two, but this, in itself, fails to take into account the skills and knowledge of the children on entry into school and the constant engagement of teaching and support staff to ensure that they make accelerated progress throughout their time in our school.

I would like to reassure you that the holistic, well-rounded education that your child receives at our school is that of Everyday Excellence. An education that was commended by three Ofsted inspectors in October 2012 and again by four Ofsted inspectors in May 2017 during the week our Year 6 pupils sat their SATs.

If you do have any additional questions, please pop in to speak with Mrs Magiera.

Kind regards,



Mr G Sheen
Chair of Governors



Mrs K Magiera
Headteacher

