

## **Dear Prospective Parents,**

Firstly, I want to thank you for showing an interest in Ickford School and to apologise for not having been able to show you around personally due to the Covid-19 restrictions placed upon all of us. I can assure you that, as soon as we are able, you will be welcome to visit but, in the meantime, I would point you in the direction of the school website to get some insight into life at Ickford School.

I have been Headteacher at Ickford for almost 10 years now and in that time, I am delighted with our progress to being one of the best, maintained, Primary Schools in the United Kingdom. Our success is, without doubt, largely due to the expertise and personal high expectations of the teaching team and the support staff. Teaching and learning is at the centre of everything we do and we make no apologies for taking great pride in our high standards of writing and the quality of children's work in all subject areas.

Nonetheless, there is far more to Ickford than just academic standards and results. Our aim is that every child leaves our school being able to read music, play two instruments (recorder and violin), have a really good grounding in another language (French from Year R to 6, German and Latin in Year 6) and be masters of technology rather than slaves to it. We teach all subjects well including, Art and PE and a tour of the website should provide you with a glimpse of what the children achieve. Our sporting achievements for such a small school are impressive and we have been County Champions in Netball and Badminton as well as consistent winners in a number of other sports.

We have 4 values, chosen by the children, that underpin all aspects of school life: Kindness, Honesty, Respect and Determination and our children not only know these but also try to manifest them in everything they do. Our children mix across all age groups and enjoy each other's company. Behaviour in classrooms and in the recreational areas is exemplary because expectations are high and we are consistent in our approach.

Good attendance is imperative and, although some children travel quite a distance to come to school, they are on time and attend every day. If you are looking for a school with flexible hours or a laissezfaire approach to absence and time off, please look at another.

Some may describe us as a little, 'old fashioned' but I disagree. We are in fact, forward thinking, reflective and passionate and our children leave as confident, considerate individuals well prepared to tackle the challenges of Secondary School.

Our relationship with parents is important to us and children benefit from a successful partnership where expectations and values are aligned. If you know that you can support our school and its ethos and you want your child to receive a very good Primary education in a safe and happy environment, then please apply.

Mr Ronane **Headteacher** 

