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Dear Parents

You will recall that during May, the school was inspected by OFSTED and was judged to require improvement across a range of criterion, including its delivery of 'teaching & learning' and the 'outcomes for children'. The Chair of Governors and I wrote to you on the publication of the report and held a meeting with you as well opening the school for you to see for yourselves why we disagree with the way in which the inspection was conducted and its judgments of this school.

Those of you that came along heard us explain the extent to which we track progress and use external scrutiny to ensure that our assessment of progress is accurate and effective, which in turn we use to improve teaching and learning. We also committed to updating you with any new information, which is the purpose of this letter.

You may recall that the Governing Board has submitted a comprehensive complaint to OFSTED, which is still unresolved, although we do hope to hear from them before the Summer holiday.

We also talked about the confidence that we have in our existing internal and external performance management processes, which have given us a different view on the quality of teaching & learning at Mossley to that expressed by the OFSTED inspection. We believe our internal processes of tracking children's progress are robust and challenging and that we felt that the judgement that OFSTED had given us was unfair and too narrow. One of the key measures of progress is the annual SATs results, where we can review whether our internal tracking is accurate as well as finding how our progress compares to other schools in our local authority area and across the whole country.

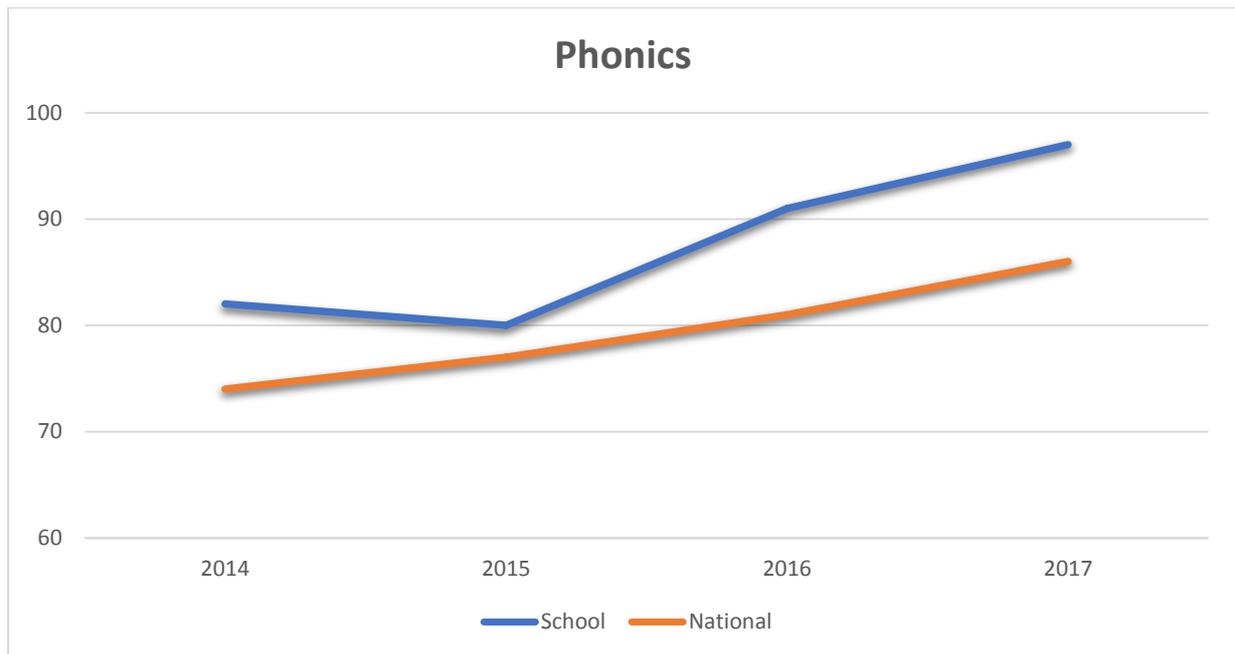
Those results are now with us and we thought it was important to share a few key facts with you:

- First and foremost, the attainment in Phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATs were in line with our predictions, which validates our belief that teaching & learning in our school is good;
- Secondly, our performance is well ahead of the averages in Cheshire East (where data is available) and nationally; and
- Thirdly, our results put us in the top 20% of schools in the country.

Set out in the following pages are some graphs that show the results that the children have achieved, it is noteworthy that the SATs exams were started two working days after the OFSTED inspection.

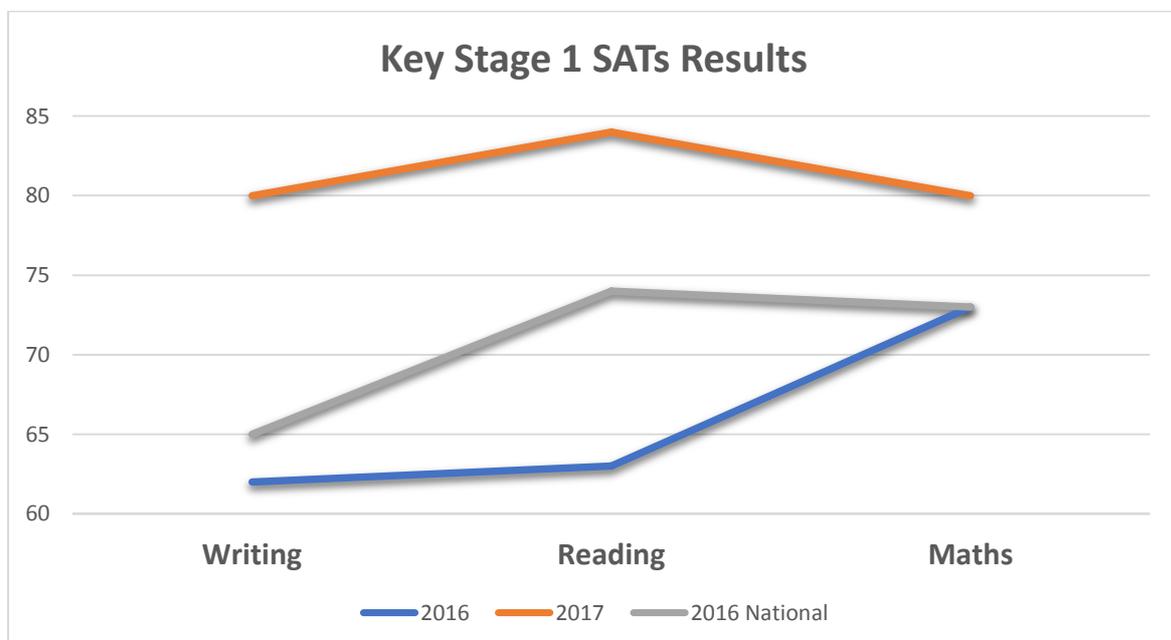


Phonics screening – year 1



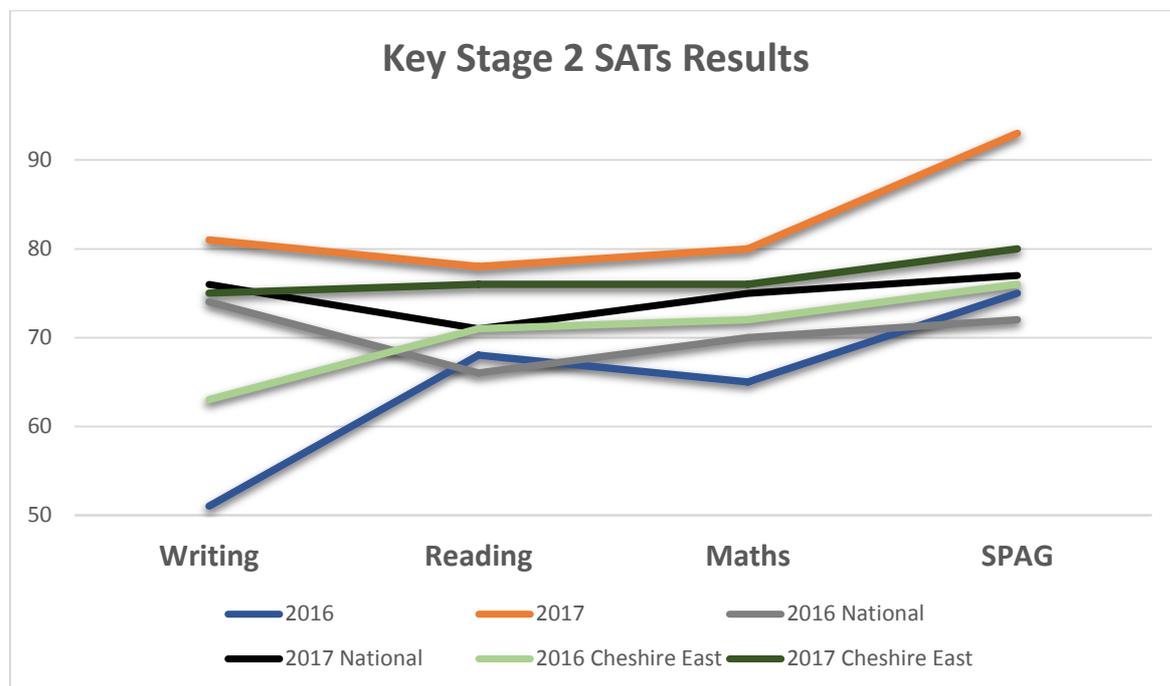
The measures for Phonics have fundamentally been unchanged since our conversion to an academy in 2014, so the data shows our progress since then, whereas the rest of the data shown for key stage one and two can only be shown from 2016, when the new curriculum was introduced.

Key Stage 1



These results were moderated by the Local Authority and none of our judgements were changed. Again this underlined the reliability of our own internal tracking and monitoring systems ...those not viewed during the inspection!

Key Stage 2



As we have previously stated, these results put us in the **top 20%** of schools in England, something we are really proud of.

The break down of all the results will be available on the school website next week.

We felt that it was important that we share this news with you all, the results show that the school is making very solid progress. Our Chair of Governors has asked OFSTED to comment on the disparity between their recent judgments and these results; we await a response.

Finally, we would like to thank you for all your belief and support during this time and you can be assured that as a school we are always striving for excellence and we will continue to do this and keep you informed at milestones along the way.

Mrs S Aston
Head Teacher

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Chair of Governors