



## Highwoods Community Primary School 'Learning for Life'



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start at school and the children have come back eager to learn. The positive attitude, hard work and kindness of our pupils shines through every day. This has been evident in our recent parent tours for our open mornings where Year 6 children have been giving tours of the school to prospective parents for the 2020-21 academic year. The feedback from visiting families has been excellent, both about our Year 6 representatives and the school in general.

On another positive note, the school has received two letters recently. The first, is a letter from Clare Kershaw, the Director for Education, congratulating the school on our continued high results, particularly our phonics, which put us in the top 5% in the country. It goes without saying that we are incredibly proud of the children, staff and our families. It is a great team effort. Our second letter is an invite from The Rt Hon David Curry to be part of a parliamentary review. Our school has been approached due to significant and sustained high standards but also recognising other areas of our school that are unique- our forest school provision being one of them. We will now be discussing at our next Governing Body meeting whether to accept this invitation and we will keep you updated but we are immensely proud that our achievements are recognised.

Included below are the dates for parents evenings. For the autumn term, parents will have a ten minute appointment. For the spring term meetings, which are often more detailed, appointments will last 15 minutes. As usual, appointments will be made on PING. If for any reason you cannot make an appointment time, please come and speak to the class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

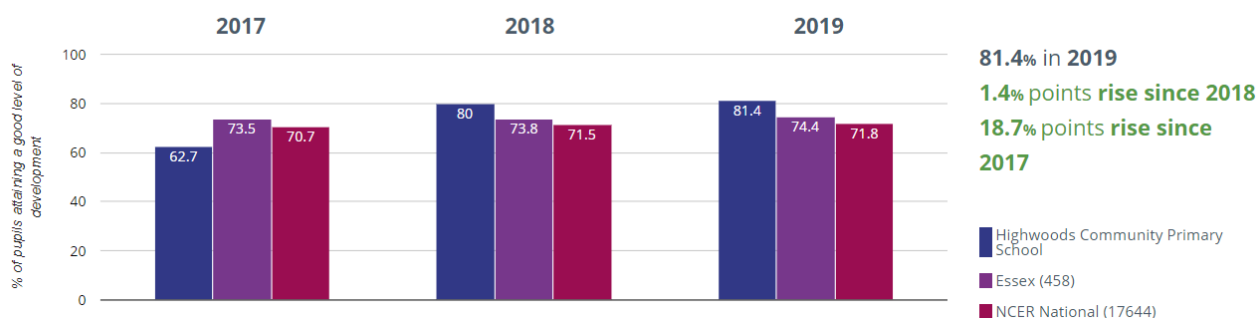
Yours sincerely

Mr Disley

We are delighted to be able to share with you our data for Highwoods from 2019. We have worked hard to continue to improve results even further and we have captured some of the data in charts below. We would like to draw your attention to our Foundation Stage and phonics scores, which continue to be above the national average. We would also like to celebrate how well children are performing over time in our school with reading, writing and maths (RWM). One final area we have been thrilled with is maths, where children are significantly above the national average. For more details on data, check out our school website.

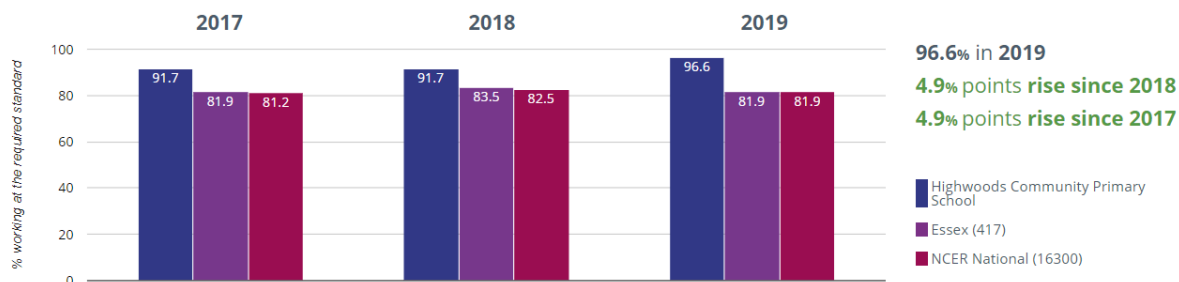
## Foundation Stage Data for 2019:

### ★ Good Level Of Development



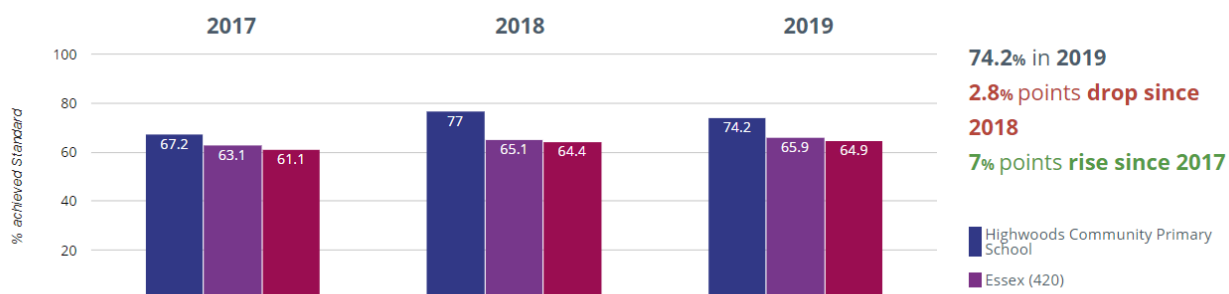
## Year1 Phonics

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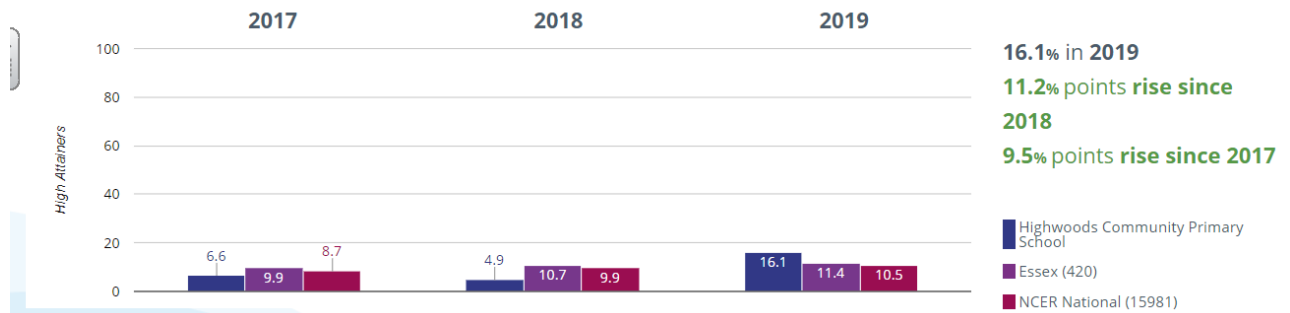


## Key Stage 2 results

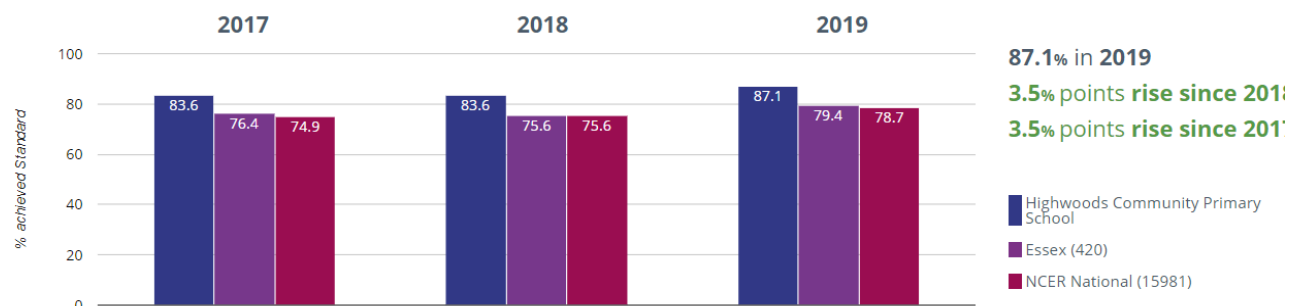
### 📖 RWM - achieved standard



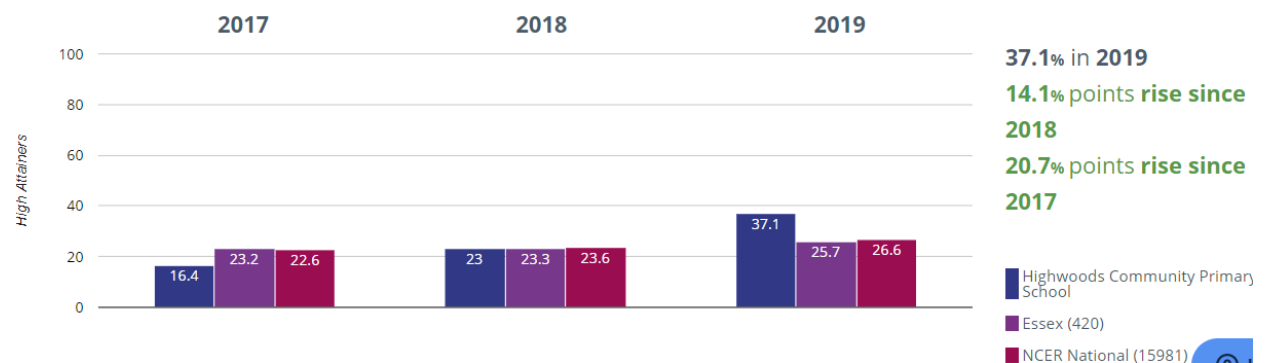
### RWM - high attainers



### Maths - achieved standard



### Maths - high attainers



### Enhanced Healthy School Award.

We are delighted to announce that the school has received an enhanced healthy schools award. This is a tremendous achievement and recognises how as a school we support children leading a healthy life. Interestingly, the enhanced award focuses greater on the mental health of young people and it was recognised by the assessors who visited the school and reviewed our paperwork that we excel in this area, with yoga sessions for children, our extensive forest school learning and work with outside agencies such as counsellors, Child First Trust and local police.

I would like to give Mrs Chester a special mention as she has liaised with the team who have carried out the assessments and has put in a significant amount of time to ensure the school meets the enhanced award criteria.



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### Thank you Forest School session.

It was great to have 20 families join us for a special Forest School session at the Country Park last month. We met as a thank you to families who raised the most money in each class for our sponsored walk last year. Thank you to everyone that supported the sponsored walk- we couldn't do what we do without you.



Key dates:

25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Last day of half term. Children return on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (4<sup>th</sup> November is a non-pupil day).

5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 PTA Bright Jumper/top event. 50p donation to wear a bright top rather than school jumper or cardigan.

Parents evenings autumn term:

19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 3:30-6.00

21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 5:30-8:15

8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Governor visit day. All school governors will be visiting the school.

15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Children in Need day. School council are meeting this week to choose theme for the day.

6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Foundation Stage Christmas performances 10:00 and 2:00. More details will be sent out prior to this event.

6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 PTA Christmas Disco event.

11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Key Stage One Christmas performance 2:00 and 6:00

12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Key Stage 2 Carol concert 6.00

13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 School pantomime visit

17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Christmas dinner infants

18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Christmas dinner juniors

19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Last day of term

6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Non pupil day. Children return to school for the 7<sup>th</sup> January.

10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 parents evening.

11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 parents evening

12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 parents evening (late meetings)

13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Non pupil days

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 Last day of half term