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High Hurstwood Church of England Primary school is a small rural school with just over 100 pupils, set in the village community of High Hurstwood. Many parents from Crowborough, Uckfield and the surrounding villages choose to send their children to us because of our welcoming family atmosphere, reflecting Christian values, where all members of the school community know one another by name.

We believe in setting high standards of behaviour and instilling values that will enable the children to develop into confident and responsible young people. We ensure that we provide a range of activities for children to develop academically, artistically, physically and socially in an environment that is stimulating, caring and supportive.

In a recent OFSTED Inspection in February 2017 we were judged to be '**Outstanding**'. The report states that:

*'The headteacher, together with staff, has successfully raised standards across the school so that outcomes are now outstanding'*

*'Teaching is outstanding overall'. 'Teachers are very skilled and ensure that all pupils learn well and are able to make rapid progress over time'*

*'The curriculum is extremely interesting and wide-ranging'*

*'Behaviour is outstanding'*

*'Pupils really enjoy coming to school and care deeply about each other, their learning and their school'.*

A Diocesan Inspection in September 2017 also judged the school to be '**Outstanding**' and it was noted that:

*'The excellent behaviour of pupils, demonstrating respect and care for one another across all year groups leads to a palpable sense of family throughout the whole school community, reflecting the distinctively Christian values and ethos of the school'.*

In April 2015 the school was awarded the Basic Skills Agency's 'Quality Mark' for the fifth time. This award recognises our commitment to helping all children to master the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics. We have previously been awarded the School Games Bronze Award in recognition of our commitment to the development of competition across the school, and the Arts Mark Gold Award in recognition of the range and quality of opportunities we provide for children in art, music, dance and drama.

We attribute our success to three key features:

- a caring family atmosphere in which each child is known and valued
- highly effective teaching
- a purposeful partnership between home and school.

Should you choose High Hurstwood C of E School for your child you can expect a close relationship with us. Together we will strive to achieve the best for your child whatever their strengths, talents or needs. We warmly welcome visits and look forward to meeting you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Cook  
Headteacher

Sarah Hayden  
Chair of Governors