



# UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Headteacher: Mrs R. Keen**

Addenbrooke Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, B67 6HT

Email: [headteacher@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk)

Website: [uplandsmanor.sch.life](http://uplandsmanor.sch.life)

Telephone: 0121 558 1602

July 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, what a year it has been! My first year at Uplands Manor has flown by and we have achieved so much together.

I am particularly proud of the work we do to support families so everyone can succeed. We pay for family support workers to help our community with a range of support services such as finance advice and housing support. We also pay for our own adult and child counsellors to support the mental health of all of the Uplands community. This support will continue to grow from September, and I would like to thank everyone at SinglePoint for the work they do to support us. We have lots of exciting plans to support the community further. If home lives are more stable, we are able to do even more educationally.

There have been lots of achievements this year and I would like to list a few of these:

- We have invested £10,000 in high quality texts and staff training, to make pupils' English lessons even more engaging. We are also finalising plans to have our school library renovated so we will let you know when that is complete!
- Behaviour in school continues to be good. I promised parents more hands on work with anti-bullying, and we now have trained playground buddies to support pupils through school.
- The quality of teaching at Uplands continues to go from strength to strength with 100% of teachers teaching to a good or better standard.
- School attendance has improved on last year and continues to be in line with national. This is no mean feat in a school of our size with a mobile community - well done to our attendance team and thank you for the support you provide!
- Our KS2 results have improved on last year, showing that standards in school continue to improve.
- The range of opportunities and experiences for pupils have increased this year, including a greater range of after school clubs for all and an increase in school trips, visitors and experiences, which are now termly for all pupils.
- Sport opportunities are also a real strength of the school; our football team won the Primary Sandwell league so we are now in the West Midlands league - we will keep you informed of our progress 😊



- Music opportunities are amazing at Uplands - from the quality of teaching through each year group to the amount of performances that pupils get to experience, whether in school or out performing to the public - it really is something to be proud of. We have some very talented individuals!



We say goodbye to Mrs Flavell, Mrs Matthews, Miss Coalter, Mrs Higgs, Mr Collard and Miss Begum-Bowen. We wish them all the very best for the next steps and thank them for the years they have dedicated to supporting pupils and families. We also welcome three new teachers to our school from September - Miss Hand, Miss Zairab and Miss Ishtiaq - I am sure you will join with me in giving them a warm Uplands welcome!

Uplands Manor continues to be a very special place to work and learn. Thank you to all parents for your support as, without you, we would not be as strong as we are. Wishing you all a very safe and enjoyable summer holiday. Pupils return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Very best wishes to all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Keen'.

Mrs R Keen  
Headteacher

