



Beckingham Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter, as the new Head teacher of Beckingham Primary School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the successes the school has already achieved under Mrs. Moore.

I have lived locally to Beckingham all of my life; having been educated and resided in the Retford area and been a pupil of Queen Elizabeth's High School, Gainsborough, for the secondary stage of my education. Furthermore, I completed my teacher training at Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln, where I have resided since.

In 2015, I was appointed Deputy Head teacher of St. Anne's C of E Primary School, Worksop and in 2018 I undertook a non-teaching Deputy Headship in Manchester. Since the beginning of the pandemic, I relocated back to the local area to be close to my family in Retford and have been teaching at Sparken Hill Academy, Worksop. Being remarkably close to my family, I am very aware of the responsibility myself and the Beckingham staff team have in ensuring the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. And, whilst the team have gone to great lengths to support our children remotely over the last year, I am very aware of the potential wider impact Covid-19 has played upon the children's progress and well-being and the roles, we as a team, need to play in order to address these issues.

The Beckingham motto is that: *we strive to provide a happy, secure and caring environment where everyone feels valued and able to develop their potential.* This motto encapsulates the power of community; how much we can achieve if we all feel valued and work together in a happy, caring environment. It is the vision of a world towards which we all strive to create.

The needs of the children are paramount to the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a number of ways. In a world where the jobs of the future are still unknown, I believe it is necessary to prepare children for the world of tomorrow through a 21st century curriculum and resources, enriched with extra-curricular/wider curriculum opportunities. My aim is to discover the unique voice within each child through a quality education. This is the voice each child will spend their lifetime honing and developing, so they make their contribution to our planet and the global community. To do this, we must value all stakeholders from you as parents, to the staff and the governing body. I feel it crucial to involve the children and yourselves as partners in their education. I am also keen to build a whole school community, which thrives on mutual respect and values positive working relationships. I know how vital our working in partnership really is, in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience.

Building positive relationships between home and school is key and I am always happy to talk through issues as I believe it important for you to have a voice and that as a school, we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about school. To that end, I shall be hosting a number of drop-in coffee mornings for parents and carers, who wish to come and talk to myself and the governing body about life at Beckingham Primary School.





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Over the summer break, the team and I have been working hard to ensure that we welcome the children's return with the normality yourselves and the pupils were used to, prior to Covid-19 restrictions. You can be assured that as Head teacher, I will endeavor to create the best education for your children, whilst they are members of our school family. Please do come and introduce yourselves outside of the school on a morning – I will attempt to be on the yard in the run up to the start and end of each school day.

I look forwards to meeting you all in the coming weeks and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. P. Phillips
Head teacher

