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Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and welcome back to the Autumn term.

I am writing to you with great excitement as I begin my journey as the new Headteacher of Roberts Primary School. It is both an honour and a privilege to be joining such a vibrant and thriving community, and I am eager to meet each of you in the coming days and weeks. Prior to joining Roberts, I was the Headteacher of a Birmingham school for the last 5 years and for the last 12 months I was an Executive Headteacher leading two Birmingham schools.

My vision for our school is one where every pupil feels valued, supported, and inspired to achieve their best. We will continue to build on the strengths of our school community while also seeking out new opportunities to innovate and improve. I am dedicated to maintaining high standards in teaching and learning, and to creating a safe and inclusive environment where all pupils can excel.

From the March 2023 Ofsted inspection, I am fully aware that there are some clear areas that the leadership team and I need to focus our attention on. There are 7 areas of development that the whole school team will be working on over the next 12 months. These are:

- Developing an effective leadership model
- Introduce a teaching and learning framework (to ensure teaching is consistent across the school)
- Review and develop phonics
- Review and develop the reading curriculum
- Review and develop the wider curriculum
- Enhance the teaching, learning and assessment experiences for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Develop the early years foundation stage classrooms

Communication is key to a successful partnership, and I encourage you to share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns with me. In the coming days I will be inviting you to join me, along with the rest of the leadership team, for an informal coffee morning/afternoon where I can share more school improvement plans and for an opportunity to get to know you and hear from you.

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I would also like to introduce Miss Beddoes, our new Deputy Headteacher who will work alongside Mr Hughes. Miss Beddoes is an experienced leader and an English specialist.

The senior leadership team will be as follows:

Mr Carl Watkins- Headteacher

Mr Ken Hughes- Deputy Headteacher- responsible for Years 4-6

Miss Rebecca Beddoes- Deputy Headteacher- responsible for Years 1-3

Miss Caroline Gregory- Assistant Headteacher- responsible for EYFS

Mr Jake Stone- Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

I look forward to getting to know you and please do introduce yourselves to me when you see me around school this week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Carl Watkins Headteacher

Roberts Primary School

















