



The Dove Federation

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted, very proud and extremely privileged to be writing to you as the new executive headteacher of The Dove Federation; where I am the new Headteacher of both Church Broughton CE and Heath Fields Primary Schools.

My first few days have been a busy and rewarding time as I have been made to feel very warm and welcome into both of your school communities by all the children, staff and governors and also by you, the parents.

I've been extremely impressed by the positive attitudes to learning and the kind, friendly and respectful approach that the children show towards each other and the staff.

The reason that any teacher comes to work is for the children and I believe that they should be given a happy, healthy and safe environment in which to learn, to experience new things, to explore their faith, learn to become a good friend and to grow to become their own unique and special person. This goes hand in hand with my dedication to continue to improve standards across both schools and my commitment to excellence at all levels. I am very passionate about learning and look forward to really getting to know the children, to see the progress that they are making in both schools and joining with them to celebrate their achievements.

I'm excited about joining the two school teams and being able to lead and develop them through these ever changing, interesting and demanding times that we are currently experiencing. The success of any school starts with team work and it's important that we work in partnership with you, governors, the church and our local community in order to build the best possible foundations for your child's educational journey. A journey already begun through the staff and Mr Whyman's hard work and dedication and I will continue to strive for excellence in this area with the support of both of the Heads of School.

I look forward to welcoming you in for our first weekly reading mornings next week starting at Heath Fields on Wednesday 17th September until 9.10am and at Church Broughton on Thursday 18th September until 9.10am. Please come in with your child as you drop them off to hear them read and see their classroom. We look forward to welcoming you every week from then on.

I very much look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks. Please do come to introduce yourself and say hello when you see me on the playground or around school.

My very warmest wishes,

Mrs Nicola Oliphant

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