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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the headteacher of Stockham Primary School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to develop this fantastic school onto the next stage of its journey. I am very excited to get to know all our children, parents, carers and staff.

As a parent my goal has always been to ensure my children are happy in life and achieve their potential. This is the philosophy I bring to my role as headteacher. My goal is to ensure all children who attend Stockham Primary School are happy and provided with all the necessary opportunities to be the best they can!

I have been a teacher, senior leader and headteacher across a range of settings for well over 20 years. Being a mother of two boys, I am very much aware of the responsibility my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. From my visits to the school and encounters with staff, some parents and children to date, it is clear that there is a real sense of community at Stockham, a special identity and a culture of aspiration. As a teacher, leader and parent, I believe all children should have access to excellent education so I am determined that the school builds on its legacy and continues to flourish and hold a position at the heart of our community. Whilst I have some ideas for how we can ensure our school further improves, I will work with an experienced team of staff and governors to make sure we employ initiatives and strategies which we can be certain will make the school go from strength to strength.

The needs of our children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing our children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. I think it is crucial to involve our children and their families as partners in their education. I am also keen on building a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience.

At Stockham we have a hugely committed and talented staff team, and of course our wonderful children, which is a great place for any new headteacher to start!

This is an exciting time for Stockham Primary School. Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and thank you in advance for your support. I am determined to do the very best for the children at Stockham and the children will be at the heart of all the decisions that are taken. I am committed to the success of the school and will strive to ensure all children receive the outstanding education they deserve. I am determined that the school will build on its excellent reputation and continue to flourish and maintain its position at the heart of our community.

I am excited and enthused to take up my new post in September.

Yours faithfully,



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