



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at Whitstone School. It is an honour to be appointed to lead our school into this exciting phase of its development. I have worked hard over the past few months to familiarise myself with the school and its history, the local area and the education the school provides your child.

During my time as a Deputy Headteacher at Robert Blake Science College in Bridgwater, I welcomed the opportunity to work collaboratively with families to raise academic outcomes, whilst also developing an ethos where every child was valued. As a parent myself, I understand the importance of sending your child to a safe and respectful school, which also has the highest expectations for their learning and behaviour. I am aware of the important contribution parents make to these expectations, and I want to develop the relationship between the school and parents for everyone's benefit.

Over the coming months, I am keen to ensure that we work as a school community to raise standards in all aspects of your child's education. I am committed to working with our excellent staff group to provide an inspiring learning experience for all students and getting to know every learner as a valued member of our school community. I am confident that we will face upcoming challenges together and will ensure that those children attending Whitstone School become happy and successful members of the wider community.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet you and discuss how we can work in partnership to provide the best education for your child and create a successful relationship between home and school. I will be holding two 'meet and greet' mornings, whereby you are welcome to book in a slot to have a cup of coffee, offer your thoughts on our partnership and the next phase of Whitstone School's development.

Morning One: Tuesday 28 January

Morning Two: Friday 7 February

If you would like to attend one of these events or alternatively if you would like to meet to discuss any specific aspect of your child's education, please contact Mrs Ruth Sayer on [RSayer@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:RSayer@educ.somerset.gov.uk) or 01749 345555 to book in an opportunity for us to meet.

Yours sincerely

Mr Guy Swallow  
Headteacher