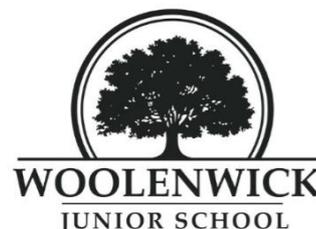


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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I write my first letter as the new Headteacher of Woolenwick Junior School. Governors, staff, children and parents have made me feel most welcome and I would like to thank you all for including me in this wonderful school community. As an experienced leader and also a father of children myself, I know how important it is to make sure children are safe, happy and are challenged so that they reach their full potential.

Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and to meet with Mrs Shadbolt (Chair of Governors) and the Acting Headteacher (Miss Kingston), staff and children. They have made the transition to a new Headteacher as smooth as possible.

My priority as Headteacher is to ensure that Woolenwick continues to be a 'good' school and that we continue on our journey towards excellence. I will be getting to know the children, staff and school community this term, along with developing further our dedicated staff team. This is to ensure we continue to meet the needs of all our children so that they can achieve their full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual development.

The school has a set of core values which will continue to underpin all of the work that we do. These values will have a huge impact as your child develops. They will help to deepen your child's positive values and in doing so, help them consider the implications of their choices in relation to themselves, the communities from which they are part of and the wider world.

I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is, in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. I firmly believe that engagement and high expectations of learning go hand in hand to secure the best progress and I trust you will continue to work in partnership with the school so this can be achieved.

I am holding 'Meet the New Headteacher' meetings this week and next week in order for me to introduce myself to you and to gain a wider knowledge of the parent community. I will also be meeting many parents on the playground, both before school and at the parents' consultation meetings next week. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or if there is anything I can do to help and support your family with your child's learning and school life.

I would like to thank-you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and children of this delightful school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Hawkins

Headteacher

