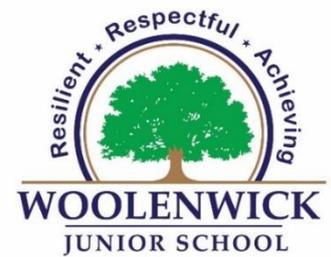


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of Woolenwick Junior School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the work carried out by Ms Koser in returning the school to where it belongs and am very excited to be leading us on this journey.

I have nearly 18 years of experience teaching in Hertfordshire and Essex working in First, Primary, Middle, Upper and Secondary schools. Since 2012, I have been working at Round Diamond Primary school in Stevenage as a teacher, Upper Key Stage 2 Team Leader, Assistant Head and Deputy Head. Being a father of two girls, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. We have a hugely committed team and wonderful children, which of course, is a great place for any new Head to start!

The needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing 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 the 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 is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school. When I am able to, I will be inviting parents in for an informal coffee morning. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents, talk to me and other members of staff over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake.

I have had an enjoyable first week spending time in all of the children's classrooms and have seen some excellent learning taking place. I was particularly impressed with the collaborative learning, outside play, music and reading taking place. It has also been lovely seeing children using our fantastic library.

You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school family. Please do come up and introduce yourselves outside school – I will attempt to be at the gate or on the playground before and after school each day. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Richard Pallant

