



HANDCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as the new Headteacher of Handcross Primary School. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with you to ensure we build upon the success of Handcross Primary School. Having spoken to the previous Head, the staff, governors and some families, Handcross is a school you are rightly proud of and it is important to me to continue this journey. I want to ensure your children have an amazing school experience and leave school with special memories, having achieved their very best.

For those of you who would like to know a little bit about me, I live locally with my husband, children and my dog. I have three older children, two are now adults, so I know how important it is to establish a good relationship between home and school. I enjoy reading and have been a member of a book club for many years, I love running (actually slow jogging) - look out for me at the Great North Run on Sunday! I particularly like spending time with my family, being outside and walking the dog.

I have been in education since 1996, working in London, Croydon, Surrey and West Sussex in a variety of leadership positions, from teacher, Head of Children's Centre, Deputy, Assistant Head and Acting Head. My youngest child is at Collyers Sixth form now, which is why I now feel ready, both personally and professionally to make the step to Headship.

I am a committed individual - passionate about working with children – and believe in providing children with exciting, creative learning opportunities, in order to build enthusiasm for learning and help children to find their strengths. Enjoyment leads to achievement and Handcross will continue to have high expectations in all areas.

My main focus in the coming weeks is to get to know the children and the staff, to ensure the children are making good progress, with high quality teaching within a secure and happy environment. I also want to get to know the broader school community, including families. Over the next few weeks you will see me at the school gate, please do come and introduce yourselves. I will also be available after the celebration assembly on Friday 21st September if you would like to have a chat or ask some questions. I would like to say once again how much I am looking forward to working with you and to thank you for the warm welcome I have had so far.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sharon Bondonno
Headteacher

