



Fairlands Middle School

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Dear Fairlands Families,

What a joy it has been to welcome our students for a new academic year. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome on my first week!

It has been a great pleasure to witness my colleagues preparing for the arrival of pupils, and taking such pride in getting everything off to a good start. We are delighted to welcome new colleagues to the team this year, and they all bring a wealth of experience from other settings to enrich our pupil experience.

Mr Sam Dunford joins us as year 6 teacher and pastoral leader for key stage 3. Mrs Helen Nicholson also joins the year 6 team as a class teacher. We welcome Mr Harry Holmes as faculty leader for maths and computing, and Mr Richard Wassall joins us to teach music from Kings of Wessex, where he is director of music.

The year ahead will be a very exciting one in the development of the school, and I will be sharing with you all our plans in the coming weeks. You may have noticed already some swift improvements to the site, and some changes to the way we use our classrooms. We are further developing our approach to teaching and learning for primary pupils, who will now stay with their class teacher for all the core elements of the curriculum. Our enhanced learning provision is also up and running, funded by the local authority to support pupils with additional needs. This is a valuable resource and supports our offer to ensure all children make good progress in our school.

As ever, if you have any queries or concerns at all, please do speak to your child's tutor in the first instance who will be able to support you. I am very much looking forward to getting to know all the fantastic young people here, who have certainly made a very positive start to the year.

With very best wishes for a restful weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

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