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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Head teacher of Chalkwell Hall Junior School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mr Hanshaw (and previously Mr Linfield). I wanted to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself to you.

Please find my introduction video at the following link: <https://youtu.be/Gknlx20FWBI>

I have worked in education for nearly twenty years and have been at Heycroft Primary School for the last ten years as Deputy Head teacher. I am married to Kathy and we have 4 beautiful children – Megan, Maddie, Ivy and Jake. I enjoy all sports (particularly rugby, running and paddle boarding) and being outdoors. As a parent, I know that having happy and nurtured children is the most important thing and that is our core goal - to support every child to be the best they can be.

I hold a strong belief in the power of education to change children's lives and the right for every child to receive an excellent education. I am dedicated to building opportunities to achieve the highest academic standards, ensuring they are known well as individuals and that their unique personality, talents and interests are nurtured and developed to the full. A Chalkwell Hall Junior School education is about developing the whole child and providing opportunities for them to flourish within and beyond the classroom. It is the aim of the whole team to help each child become a successful learner and well-rounded individual who is ready to make the next steps in their learning journey.

We have a hugely committed and talented team and wonderful children, which of course, is a great place for any new Head teacher to start! I am looking forward to working with Deputy Head, Mr Hanshaw, and together with the support of the whole school team we are extremely excited about the journey ahead. From my experience of being in education, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. Parents make an important contribution to children's achievements at school so I ask for your full support of school policies and your continued proactive involvement in your child's education. I feel that 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. Next term, I will be inviting parents in for an informal coffee morning. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents, chat to me and other members of staff. Watch this space!

At Chalkwell Hall Junior School, we aspire to be the best we can be – our motto is 'If we believe, we will achieve'. We live this everyday by following our core values and keeping our standards high by showing outstanding behaviour in and out of the classroom. A crucial part of this is having the children wearing the correct school uniform (including the correct shoes) every day. I want us all to take pride in our school and show our community how great Team Chalkwell are!

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You can be assured that as Head teacher, 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 yourself – I will be at the gates and on the playground before and after school on most days. I look forward to meeting you and working successfully together.

On behalf of all the staff at Chalkwell Hall Junior School, I wish you a happy and safe summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Andy Newnham

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