



4th March 2024

To all Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Headteacher of Castle Wood Academy.

I feel it is an honour and a privilege to have been appointed to the post and I look forward to getting to know the children and families of the school. Whilst I am new to the school, I have been a part of Tall Oaks Academy Trust for the last nine years and have been based at Mercer's Wood Academy as the Assistant Head of School, including a recent period as the Interim Head of School. I am dedicated to the Trust and the children within its schools.

Over the coming weeks, you will be seeing much more of me around school as I hand over my duties at my current school and spend more time at Castle Wood Academy. I will be introducing myself to the children during an assembly today, popping into their classrooms and joining them during their breaks and lunchtimes so I can begin to get to know them better. Please do pop over and say hello when I am on the playground in the mornings and during the afternoon pick-up.

As with any transition, children may be feeling a bit unsettled and not know what is to come. Rest assured that I will not be making any major changes straight away, as my main priority is to develop strong relationships with the children and the school community. Please be confident that I will always have the best interests of your children at the forefront of any decisions I make. If you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

I look forward to getting to know you all.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Ryan
Headteacher

