



**ST LUKE'S C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Work Together - Grow Together - Flourish Together

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Matthew 13:31-32

Wednesday 4th September, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter, as the new Headteacher of St. Luke's C of E Primary School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to be the school's new Headteacher and have many plans to further build upon the successes the school achieved under Mrs. Dunn.

I have lived locally to Worksop all my life; having resided close to Retford. Furthermore, I completed my teacher training at Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln, where I have lived since.

In 2015, I was appointed Deputy Headteacher of St. Anne's C of E Primary School, Worksop and in 2018 I undertook a non-teaching Deputy Headship in Manchester. During the pandemic, I relocated back to Lincoln to be close to my family in Retford and in 2021, after a year at Sparken Hill Academy, I undertook the headship of Beckingham Primary School. Over my three years as Headteacher of Beckingham, I worked hard to create a vibrant, outward-facing school, at the centre of the community, with close links to the church and wider village community. In July, having developed the school to be in line with the revised Ofsted Inspection Framework, the school positively and successfully underwent its Ofsted inspection – report still pending.

The children's learning and wider opportunities are at the heart of all my decision making. Being both remarkably close to my family, and a confirmed Christian, I am very aware of the responsibility myself and the St. Luke's staff team have in ensuring the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. The needs of the children are paramount to 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 number of ways. In a world where the jobs of the future are still unknown, I believe it is necessary to prepare children for the world of tomorrow through a 21st century curriculum and resources, enriched with extra-curricular/wider curriculum opportunities. My aim is to discover the unique voice within each child through a quality education. This is the voice each child will spend their lifetime honing and developing, so they make their contribution to our planet and the global community. To do this, we must value all stakeholders from you as parents, to the staff team, the governing body and church community. I feel it crucial to involve the children, and yourselves, as partners in their education. I am also keen to build a whole school community, that thrives on mutual respect and understanding, which values positive working relationships.



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I know how vital our working in partnership really is, for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience.

Building positive relationships between home and school is key, and I am always happy to talk through my plans and decisions, as I believe it is important for you to have a voice and that as a school, we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about school. To that end, I shall be hosting a drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers who wish to come and talk to myself and the governing body about life at St. Luke's C of E, on Tuesday 10th September.

Prior to, and over the summer break, the team and I have been working hard to ensure that my vision for working in partnership with yourselves begins to take shape. Two prominent examples of this include, from this September, the offer of after school care to support yourselves, as working families. Additionally, to further extend communication opportunities with yourselves, I have established a school Facebook page, as I did at Beckingham, to update you on events and your children's learning. Be assured that there are a further number of exciting plans on the way for the school over the coming months.

You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will endeavor to create the best education for your children, whilst they are members of our school family. Please do come and introduce yourselves outside of the school on a morning – I will attempt to be on the yard in the run up to the start and end of each school day.

I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. P. Phillips
Head teacher

