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Dear Parents and Carers

I am excited and delighted to be taking over as the substantive Headteacher of Brede Primary School from Term 5 next year.

As you know, in January, I joined the school as an acting headteacher, feeling an instant rapport with the children, staff, governors, parents and community. Brede will be my fourth headship, having led schools in Wiltshire, West Sussex and East Sussex. This includes, Pound Hill Infant School, where I was Headteacher and then Executive Headteacher for almost ten years, up until August 2018, leading the school through two consecutive Outstanding Ofsted Judgements ([Pound Hill Inspection Report 2014](#)). Alongside this, I have been a senior school improvement adviser for Essex Local Education Authority, an Ofsted Inspector, a National Leader of Education, a Consultant Headteacher and the Regional Lead Headteacher for the South East of England and South London Teaching Schools Council, sitting on the Department of Education's National Executive Board.

Despite my varied career, I have always felt most at home in school, working alongside colleagues, children and their families. Following its successful Ofsted inspection earlier this year, I aim to work alongside you, the staff and the governors to take Brede Primary into its exciting next phase. To build on its numerous strengths whilst also developing the school and community's unique characteristics.

Thank you for the many kind messages I have already received. I look forward to seeing you at our numerous festive events as Christmas approaches and working with you over the coming months and years.

Best wishes

Julie Knock

Headteacher

Brede Primary School

