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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School from January 2023.

I have been fortunate to have worked in 6 schools across 3 local authorities. Each has provided me with a breadth of experience and depth of knowledge of different contexts and communities. I have been Headteacher/Executive Headteacher for the past 8 years.

It is a privilege to serve this school community once again, having held a post here as class teacher/phase leader between 2010 - 2014. Working at Clifton with Rawcliffe was one of the happiest of my career and I seized the opportunity to lead the school with both hands!

The children have given me a very warm welcome and I have been impressed, not only with their ability to articulate our core values (respect, resilience, friendship, independence and responsibility), but more importantly, they have demonstrated these values in their actions in and around school since their return earlier this week.

As a parent of Y6 and Y8 boys, I fully recognise that children only get one chance at their education. The team at Clifton with Rawcliffe are committed to ensuring that your child is happy, safe and successful and ready for the next stage of their learning journey.

This half term I intend to refamiliarise myself with school and be both available and proactive in classrooms, break times and lunchtimes, and at the beginning and end of the day.

OFSTED rightly identified that children 'thrive' at Clifton with Rawcliffe and my aim is to build on their great work already undertaken to take the school from a judgment of Good to Outstanding - not only for inspectors but in the eyes of ALL stakeholders in this community.

Parents play a crucial role in supporting their children's learning and research shows that levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with better academic outcomes. Therefore, I will be looking at how we can continue to strengthen communication between home and school to support your child's learning experience and I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks ahead and hearing your views. Hopefully I will see you at drop off and pick up outside of school and if not we can always arrange a time to talk.

Clifton with Rawcliffe is a great school to belong to and I look forward to working in partnership with you!

Kind Regards,

Claire Fielding