

Great Whelnetham  
Church of England Primary School  
*By growing together, we become the best we can be'*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

I am writing to introduce myself to you as the new Executive Headteacher of Great Whelnetham Primary school. I have had a lovely first week and have received a very warm welcome from staff, children, governors and parents. Thank you.

As you will be aware, I am also the Executive Headteacher of Wortham Primary school. I have worked at Wortham for the past nine years and have been their headteacher since January 2015. I am privileged to hold such a position and I am passionate about ensuring that all children have the very best education.

Previously I have worked in Northern Ireland and in schools in Norfolk. My teaching career began in London and I feel very fortunate to have gained experience from a range of different settings throughout my career. I now live in Norfolk with my husband Nathan and our two children, Matthew and Daniel, who are studying for their A Levels and GCSEs.

All schools within our Trust work closely together and I very much hope that the two schools that I lead will establish close links and enjoy working collaboratively. Staff have already started to form positive working relationships which is advantageous for both schools.

I believe very firmly that children need to feel happy and secure at school and that schools and families should work closely together to make sure this happens. Over the next few weeks I hope to get to chat to more of you at the gate and to get to know you. Under different circumstances, I would have enjoyed organising a coffee morning to meet you all. However, if you need to speak to me at any time, please let Mrs Kimber in the school office know and she will set up an appointment for you.

I am very much looking forward to working with you all in the coming months and years ahead.

Yours sincerely

Claire Flatman  
**Executive Headteacher**

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*Values for Life: Compassion, Courage, Friendship, Trust, Truthfulness, Hope, Peace,  
Thankfulness, Creativity, Forgiveness, Humility and Justice.*