

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be writing to you as your new Headteacher of Great Gaddesden School and would like to take the opportunity to tell you a little about myself.

During the course of my career, I have taught all primary age groups, holding a range of positions from class teacher to a period of Acting Headship. The majority of my experience has been in church schools and it is my core Christian values that have guided and supported me throughout.

The development of the whole child has always been core to my educational principles, with an inclusive approach at all times. I believe that every child is unique, with much to offer and this underpins my practice as a teacher and leader.

As parents, you make a vital contribution to your children's achievements at school. I am excited to have the opportunity to build upon the effective working partnership that is already so successful in our school.

Since the beginning of term, I have been delighted to have taught all of your children and to have met many of you, in the playground and at the coffee morning at church. I thank you for the very warm welcome that I have received from everyone within the Great Gaddesden School community - children, parents, staff and Governors.

I look forward to building on the excellent work of Mrs Comer and the team, and to working closely with you all. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school if we can help you in any way.

Kind regards,

Mrs S.M.Wickens