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**Dear Parents/Carers**

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of Alverthorpe St Paul's. Who would have thought that back in 1993 when I left St Paul's as a Year 6 pupil that I would one day be sitting in the Headteacher's office writing this letter! I feel very honoured! I am also very determined to build on the strengths of the school over the coming weeks, months and years in order to make it one of the very best. All the staff and children have made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to be joining the school community.

I have been very fortunate in being able to spend a lot of time at St Paul's since my appointment in March, thanks in particular to Mrs Chell who welcomed me with open arms. This allowed me to get to know the staff, meet the children and become familiar with school routines.

Being a parent myself, I know how vital working in partnership with parents is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. I strongly believe achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress. I hope you will support our high expectations in all areas and support us with your child's learning – only by working in partnership will your child/children reach their full potential.

Yesterday, during our Inset training, I introduced the new vision for the school based on our status as a Church of England school. My aim is that I want every person at St Paul's to be able to SHINE. I introduced this to the children this morning in Collective Worship and it was lovely to see them being enthusiastic. The children and staff are working together this week on key words to represent SHINE. Our tag line 'Shining Together' has been incorporated into our new badge and everything we do in school will be linked to our vision.

As Headteacher, I want to make sure that I am visible around school. I will aim to be outside in the playground before and after school as much as possible so please feel free to talk to me about any concerns or compliments! I will also be visible during lessons and at break and lunch times. One of my first aims is to get to know all the children - I am proud to say that I knew every single child's name at my previous school – let's see how long it takes me to do that here!

One thing I can promise, is that we will make mistakes. We won't get everything right but we will all try our very best every single day for the children at St Paul's. I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school and I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

**Yours sincerely**

**Mr L Swift**