



BURWELL VILLAGE COLLEGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to introduce myself formally to you as Interim Head of Burwell Village College. It is a great honour and privilege for me to be taking on this role, even for the very short term. Having been a Headteacher since 2003 and now led four different and contrasting schools in that time, it is a role and responsibility that I care about deeply.

When I was contacted last week about whether any support for Burwell could be provided, I offered myself because I felt I had the necessary experience as a Head and a National Leader of Education (a role that is recognised for very experienced and successful heads who support other schools) to lead and support the staff team at Burwell whilst Mr Smith is absent. Importantly I have lived locally to the school and Burwell for over four years and it is a community that I care strongly about. If I can provide some leadership at this time, then I was only too willing to help and support.

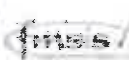
I have already managed to introduce myself to all the pupils and staff since yesterday morning. I have been overwhelmed by the reception I have been granted. Burwell is clearly a lovely, caring community and it is I hope to get to know some of you over the next few weeks. As you know from the IEB, I will certainly be Interim Head until Thursday 4 April (after when Mr Smith may return). If you wish to get in contact with me in the meantime about any matter regarding your child's education then please email on rcampbell@burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk.

I will occasionally be joined in school by someone rather special, Cocoa, who is a working dog (a Cockerpoo). She has worked in schools since being introduced to my partner's previous school (a special school for children with autism) when she was a puppy. She has been trained as a Pet as Therapy dog (although on the occasions she is in school with me, she will be there to support us all in more general ways). From my experience, she is a wonderful asset to a school community – for children AND adults! She is fully risk assessed and fully trained to work in schools. Of course there may be some children in Burwell who are scared of dogs. If so, please let us know. Cocoa is coming in to raise joy not cause fear.

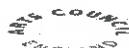
Thank you for your support and understanding during this time of transition for Burwell. The IEB is doing a fantastic job and I am grateful of this opportunity to lead a primary school with such promise, whether it is for 12 days or so or for the rest of the academic year.

With kind regards

Robert Campbell
INTERIM HEAD



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