



Hemsby Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of Hemsby Primary School and to introduce myself to you. My name is Sian Harmer, I live locally on the Norfolk Broads with my husband and two children aged 8 and 12.

I have been a teacher for 27 years. I started my career in Suffolk firstly in a Junior School followed by a Primary School, before moving to Norfolk 20 years ago to work at Caister Infant School. Whilst at Caister I have had many senior leadership roles including SENCO, Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Acting Headteacher and more recently Head of School.

I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to take over the leadership of Hemsby Primary School. I am sure that some of you are understandably nervous about having another Headteacher, especially following a period of significant change in leadership. Having two children myself I know how change can affect how they feel about school. Please be reassured that nothing will change in terms of routines for your child in the short term. Hemsby is a good school and I shall take time to get to know the children, staff and routines whilst providing stability to the school. Over time you may notice small changes but these will be communicated to you in advance with clear reasons given.

I strongly believe that the needs of the children should be at the centre of any decision making in school. As a school we must provide them with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences which develop life-long skills for learning in a safe and happy environment.

I have high expectations for teaching and learning which foster independence, resilience, respect and tolerance; preparing children for the future.

I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school. You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school. Please do come up and introduce yourselves outside school – I will attempt to be at the gate before and after school each day. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Harmer
Headteacher