

## **ELVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## 'Working Together We Can All Achieve Success'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of Elvington Church of England Primary School. All the staff and children have made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to be joining your school community. Being a father of two, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is evident in all areas.

I intend to build on, develop and use the strengths of each school to provide every opportunity for every child to succeed. Underpinning this will be the high aspirations and expectations we have for all our children; the high social and academic standards we expect and our determination to meet the individual needs of every child. High quality education provision is also dependent upon a strong partnership with Parents and Carers and I hope we can work together to give our children an enjoyable and fulfilling education at their respective schools.

Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and to meet with Mrs. Bland, Miss. Collier pupils and staff. I would like to say thank you to Mrs. Bland, for her support in ensuring the transition to a new Headteacher was as smooth as possible.

My priority as Headteacher is to ensure that Elvington continues to aim to become an outstanding school. Not only do I want to get to know the pupils, staff and school community this term but also continue to develop an excellent team to work alongside me. This is to ensure we are able to meet the needs of all our pupils to achieve their full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual development.

Within the context of Christian belief and practice, our school has developed a set of core values which will continue to underpin all the work we do. These values will have a huge impact as your child develops. They help to deepen your child's positive values and in doing so, help them consider the implications of their choices in relation to themselves, the communities from which they are part and the wider world.

I know how vital working in partnerships with parents really 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 sustained progress. I hope you will support our high expectations in all areas, especially in behaviour and achievement.

I would like to invite all Parents and Carers to meet with me on Thursday 16th January at 3.30pm in the hall. This will be an informal event designed for me to introduce myself with a chance for you to ask any questions that you may have. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Buttery