



CHRIST THE KING RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I would like to start by welcoming all children back to school after what has been an unusually warm and sunny summer. I would especially like to welcome those new children starting with us here at Christ the King this term.

We also welcome onto the staff, Mrs Murray who will be teaching Year 5 for 3 days a week, Mrs Kilby and Miss Powell as Midday Supervisors and Mrs Hawthorne who has joined as a Cleaner and Kitchen Assistant.

My name is Chris Raymond and I am thrilled to carry on the work of Mr McDonough. Whilst I have faced many challenges during my professional career I know that the biggest challenge facing me now is to try and win over the hearts and minds of every person associated with this school. This includes, most importantly, you as parents who just want to know that your children are receiving the best education possible and are happy in school.

The first thing I need to inform you as parents is that I am an approachable and down-to-earth person. I have a very positive outlook on life, an open door policy and will always put people first. My belief is that this school will move forward faster if your children are happy and confident, the staff are energetic and motivated, and parents feel included and informed. I have achieved this before and will seek to replicate it again.

My first priority is to ensure communication channels are constantly open and working effectively, as this is the essence of relationship building. I believe that strong, productive relationships are built in the following way:

Communication → Understanding → Respect → Trust → Relationships

It will be very difficult to build a relationship with you as parents if you don't fully trust what the school is doing. Before that happens, you need to respect the decisions that we make and you won't respect them if you don't understand why they are made. This is why communicating in the right way, to all involved with the school, is an essential first step. I would hope that you will give me a little time to develop this process with all adults and children and get to know you better.

So, to start this process off, this introductory letter to you as parents is me saying 'hello'. I will endeavour to be outside by at the beginning and end of every school day to see the children enter and leave the school safely, and liaise with parents. Please feel free to say hello back and have chat, I will very much welcome it.

Best wishes,

C. Raymond

Chris Raymond

Interim Headteacher