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Dear Parents and Carers,

A Note from Your New Headteacher — After My First Week

What a week to begin.

I joined Huntington on Monday and, if I am honest, the warmth with which this community has welcomed me has exceeded even my hopes. From the children who spotted my name badge in the corridor and took it upon themselves to give me a tour, to the parents who stopped for a chat at the gate each morning — thank you. It has meant a great deal.

I have spent this first week doing exactly what I think a new headteacher should do: listening, watching and learning. I have been into every classroom, sat alongside children as they worked, and spoken with staff. What I have found is a school with real strengths — children who are curious and kind, staff who care deeply, and a community that clearly wants the very best for its young people.

I am not here to make change for its own sake. I believe strongly that good leadership begins with understanding what a school already does well, and building from there. My first weeks will be spent doing precisely that — getting to know your children, your school and your community properly before drawing any conclusions about the future.

What I can tell you already is this: Huntington is a school with a great deal to be proud of. My job is to make sure we build on that together.

I also want to say something simple but important: my door is open. If you have something you would like to share with me — a concern, a question, an idea, or just a thought — please do not hesitate to come and find me. I will be at the gate as often as I can, and the office team can always arrange a time for us to speak.

I look forward to getting to know you all much better in the weeks and months ahead.

Kind regards,



Mr D Erne,
Headteacher