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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself to you as the new Interim Headteacher.

I am very excited to be at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe and very much looking forward to meeting the whole school community over the coming days and weeks. I believe that by working together, working as a community, we can make a real difference to the lives of our children.

I have been working in education for 20 years (21 in November!) having taught in New Romney, Folkestone and Ashford. Most recently I have been Assistant Head at Woodchurch Primary School, a very similar school to St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School, but have a wealth of experience from a range of schools, all with their individual and specific successes, needs and challenges. I have two children – one 2 year old and one 10 year old just starting in year 6, so I've been deep in Kent Test preparations over the summer, as I'm sure many of you have! As a parent my continuing goal is always to ensure my children are happy in life and achieve their potential. This is the philosophy I bring to my role as Headteacher.

I understand how unsettling this recent period of change has been for our families and our staff. Please rest assured, however, that it is a really exciting time for the school and I am pleased to be working with a strong team to continue to drive improvements and ensure the best outcomes for our children. I strongly believe in providing our children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively.

In the short term, we will be working hard to ensure that your children experience a curriculum that is fun, engaging and challenging. As a team, we are focused on enabling the children to continue to develop socially, emotionally and academically - making good progress and achieving well.

I will be in the playground every morning to welcome everyone and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Please come and introduce yourself and say hello, it will be lovely to meet you all and talk about how we are moving the school forward.

The partnership with parents and carers is absolutely key to me and I encourage you to maintain close communication with your child's class teacher both when things are going well and when challenges arise. Equally, please do catch me on the playground for a chat but also please do pop into the office to make an appointment – my door is very much open to you all.

Yours faithfully,

Craig Ward
Interim Headteacher

