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Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the newly appointed Headteacher of Parklea Primary School. I am indeed honoured and excited.

I am joining Parklea as its new Headteacher, having spent the past 30 years in primary education with the last 20 as Headteacher in two inner city primary schools. Both schools I have led had undergone intensive change and made remarkable improvements. The skills and experiences I have acquired working in those schools have provided my most valuable and rewarding teaching and leadership experiences.

When I visited the junior and infant sites, I was particularly impressed with the welcome I received, the dedicated and hardworking commitment of staff, how some improvements have already been made to the curriculum and the care demonstrated by staff for the children.

I knew, during the visit, Parklea was the perfect choice for me as Headteacher. I will work relentlessly hard to ensure improvements are rapidly and continually sustained.

As your new Headteacher, I feel the needs and education of the children are always paramount in my decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. I think it is crucial to involve the families as partners in their education and therefore keen to continue the strong links the schools have with the community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for positive change to develop and 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 Headteacher, I am approachable and will allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school.

Once again, I am very proud to be the new Headteacher of Parklea and leading, what I believe is, a school with huge potential, I am determined to secure an outstanding future for the school. I have the very highest expectations of myself, the staff and the children. I know by working together to raise standards in every area, we will ensure all children achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Spooner