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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new academic year and to '[Stockingford Academy](#)'.

I'm so proud to have been trusted with the Headteacher's position at our wonderful School and to have been given the opportunity to work with dedicated staff, fabulous children, supportive families and the wider community. I promise that the happiness, wellbeing and progress of your children will be central to every decision I make. During the year there will be many opportunities for parents and friends of the school to visit and watch us grow. In the meantime, if you'd like a chat or have a worry please do catch me on the playground at the beginning or end of the day or drop in to the office to make an appointment.

I thought you may be interested to know a little about me and my background. I was born in Coventry although many of my family come from Manchester, which is where I spent much of my childhood whilst not at school. I went to school in Coventry (Hollyfast and Coundon Court) and only ventured as far as Warwick University for my teacher training! I have been blessed with the most amazing teaching experiences in different types of school in Coventry, beginning at Courthouse Green, before Pearl Hyde, Moseley, Edgewick and Walsgrave CE. My first headship was at Alderman's Green where I stayed for seven years and oversaw the building of the brand new school which featured a special unit for children with complex communication difficulties and/or Autism. My degree special subjects were Art and Music but I've been lucky enough to lead on Expressive Arts, Religious Education, Mathematics, Assessment and Special Needs / Inclusion, which is my real passion. For the past four years I have been Headteacher at King Henry VIII Preparatory School in Coventry - an honour as I was the first female Headteacher in the six hundred years of the Coventry School Foundation. Although I have learned so much from all of the schools I have worked in, I feel I have truly come home to Stockingford. Everything I have learnt on the way will help me to try to be the best Headteacher I can be for our children and school family.

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I am married to Phil with one son, Harry, two step-children, Jake and Georgia and a beautiful grandson, Eli. I have very noisy, stubborn Lancashire Heeler dog called Burnley, (named after his place of birth - like Brooklyn Beckham) and in my free time I am interested in theatre (on stage and off), cooking, sewing, Manchester United and Strictly Come Dancing - not in any particular order!

Now you know a little about me, I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone in my new school family. Please forgive me if it takes a little while for me to get to know you all - I'm much better with faces than names!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Gill Bowser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs Gill Bowser

Headteacher - Stockingford Academy