



**WEST KIRBY
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at West Kirby Primary School. Our school opened in 1908 and I am privileged to be the 10th Headteacher at our warm, welcoming and friendly school. As many of you know, I have been working at West Kirby Primary School since 2014 in the role of Deputy Headteacher and Class Teacher. More recently I have been Acting Headteacher whilst Mrs Takashima was absent. I am delighted to have now been officially appointed as the Headteacher by the West Kirby Primary School Governing Body. Achieving this position within my career at WKPS, where I already know the children, staff, governors and so many of you means a lot to me. I would like to thank you for the kind messages and conversations that I have had with many of you since informing you of my new role.

I qualified as a Teacher with a First-Class Honours Degree in 2004 after attending Liverpool Hope University. Whilst completing my Masters in Education, I began my teaching career in 2004 in another Wirral school. Following that I worked in a school in the Cheshire Local Authority for 9 years leading Geography, International Schools, Fairtrade Schools and Teaching and Learning across the whole school. In addition, I was also a staff Governor. In 2014, I was successfully appointed as the Deputy Head Teacher at West Kirby Primary School. Here I have taught in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and have lead PE and Maths across the whole school, alongside assessment, teaching and learning and curriculum.

As many of you may be aware, I returned last year from maternity leave after having my son Ellis. This week Ellis started Nursey so I can fully empathise with new parents who may be bringing their child to school for the first time. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, walking and swimming.

In my role as Deputy Headteacher at West Kirby Primary School I have worked really closely with Mrs Takashima, which will support a successful transition as your new Headteacher. I know our school and I understand what we do really well and areas that we are looking to further enhance to make us even better.

The established vision in our school is one that I fully endorse and will strive to develop this even further. Providing a safe and caring environment where all children feel included, secure, confident and have an equal opportunity to fulfil their learning is always at the heart of everything. It is important to me that children have a voice and can make valuable contributions during their time in our school. This extends to you as parents and carers as it is really valuable to receive your thoughts and opinions to support us to provide the best for your children.

As an inspirational leader who has a passion for teaching and learning, my aim will be to ensure that your child has access to a meaningful, creative, broad and balanced curriculum. Engaging the children in their learning is key to obtaining the best outcomes for them and preparing them for the next stage of the educational journey. I believe that there is no limit on the potential that any child can achieve. All children are unique and at WKPS we will develop the talents and interests of all and celebrate their effort and achievements.

We are incredibly lucky that our school is situated in such a fantastic geographical area. Promoting appreciation for where we live and learning about our local surroundings is really important, and we embed aspects of our local area into our school curriculum. Many of us have come to appreciate our local area even more during the





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Covid Pandemic when many of us spent much more time walking and taking in what is actually around us. Having the beach, sea, Wirral Way and Ashton Park on our doorstep provides us with exciting opportunities. Enriching the curriculum further through educational visits, links within the local community and visitors to our school will provide our children with even more valuable experiences.

Underpinning our school curriculum are our three core values – Global, Eco and Health. These three values are the golden thread running through our school curriculum to enable us to develop informed citizens of the future. We are seeing an increase in the online activity from our children; it is important to ensure that we are also developing positive and knowledgeable digital citizens in what is an ever-changing and fast paced world.

Change can sometimes cause uncertainty for us; however, I would like to reassure you that I will always have the best interests of our whole school community at the forefront of my mind. I aim to build on the many strengths that West Kirby Primary School already has and take us on the next stage of our exciting journey.

The happiness, well-being and safety of your children is my priority along with that of all the staff at WKPS, who truly are a dedicated and committed team. As I embark on being the next Headteacher at West Kirby Primary School, it is important to me that the children leave school with a smile at the end of the school day, can tell you that they have had a great day and have enjoyed being in school.

It has been lovely to see all of the staff and children back in school this week, and even better that we have been able to establish some old routines that we used to have in place before Covid.

This is an exciting time for West Kirby Primary School. I look forward to catching up with many of you or getting to know you better. I will always aim to be at the school gates before and after school each day – please do come and talk to me to introduce yourself or to catch up. I believe that if we work together, we can provide the best school experience for your child.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by email or telephone to discuss any concerns, worries, questions or thoughts.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Bailey
Headteacher

