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Dear Parents, Carers and Children at Eastbrook,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I write to you as the new headteacher at Eastbrook Primary. On February 14th, I will finally get to come to join the wonderful Eastbrook team and meet all of the children, teachers and parents at the school. I would imagine there is a fair amount of curiosity about the new head, so I wanted to write to you to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about me.

I am originally from a very small village and air base in rural Oxfordshire, but I grew up near Bedford and Reading. I started teaching up north in West Yorkshire in the mill town of Keighley before moving to Prague for four years to teach in an international school. I then spent eleven years teaching in inner city London (with a short period as head of an international primary school in Warsaw, Poland) where I taught in several large primary schools, became a Special Needs Coordinator, deputy head and finally head teacher. I spent three years as head of a small primary school called Parkwood in North East London – a school with a very similar family friendly feel to Eastbrook – before heading back overseas to Moscow and Serbia. When Covid hit, I moved to Prague (where my partner lives) for the next two years, but really wanted to go back to primary school headship in the UK.

Which brings me neatly to my next move – to Brighton and Eastbrook. I hope to bring all of the skills and experience I have gained over my 22 year teaching career to help Eastbrook to continue to be a wonderful, outstanding school, which is a beacon of brilliant learning both in Brighton and within the Reach2 family of schools.

When I am not teaching and leading schools, you can find me cycling (on and off road), hiking, wild swimming, going to the theatre, or just stuck with my nose in a book. I love the outdoors, interesting architecture and the sea, so Brighton is the perfect place to live.

I can't wait to meet you all and get stuck into the exciting job of being Eastbrook's new headteacher!

Kind Regards

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