



# Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Headteacher Mrs B Rai

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you as my second week in post commences. My intention is that you will receive news from me, on a regular basis, as a way of sharing information and celebrating achievements at our school.

My first week at Highwood has been pleasing and I already feel a sense of belonging. The school team have made me feel extremely welcome and I look forward to many happy years working with them.

Due to the covid restrictions, I have not spent too much time in every class. Instead, I have spent time with the children during informal times such as their lunchtimes. I found them to be polite, confident and extremely enthusiastic.

At present, I am finding all their names hard to remember, but I am hoping it won't be long before I master them. I have also met a number of parents in the playground and the support and encouragement I have been given made last week particularly enjoyable.

I am meeting every member of the school team to find out about their role, how they are supporting the children and the wider school improvement actions of the school.

I am already impressed by the dedication demonstrated by everyone associated with Highwood. It is clear that I shall be able to build upon the foundations already in place to make it an "even better school".

My priority as Headteacher is to ensure that we aim to become a school of excellence, whereby every child can achieve their full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical and character development. My main aim will be to focus on ensuring that all children learn and make good progress experiencing the highest quality teaching and learning within a happy, safe and secure environment.

As we slowly adjust to the rules of the lockdown, I understand the challenges we will face together but I am hopeful that by May half term we will be able to welcome you into the school. I look forward to meeting more of you in due course as things settle down. Thank you for bearing with us. The staff really want to do a good job, but we recognise there may be some concerns. We are here to help you. If you wish to raise a concern, please contact the school at [admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk) and our admin team will be able to direct your query to the correct teacher or phase leader.

I have a number of strategic challenges to begin working on as I build my knowledge and understanding of the school. I will be organising some remote 'coffee mornings' so I do hope you can join them. This would be a good opportunity to come and hear from me about what is happening in school. Until then, continue to be safe and take care of yourselves and each other.

Best wishes  
Mrs Bindu Rai

