

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families managed to enjoy Christmas and we all have a much better 2021!

I am excited and proud to be writing to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of Pottery Primary School. Some of you may remember that I was a senior leader at Pottery Primary for ten years – up until ten years ago. I can't believe how quickly time has gone!

Since my appointment, I have been re-familiarising myself with Pottery, working closely with Mrs Nicholson who has done an amazing job leading the school since Mrs Hutton retired in July. Mrs Garnett and her office team and the school governors have also been extremely helpful updating me with all things Pottery!

I would also like to thank Mrs Hutton for her many years of dedication and commitment to Pottery Primary as Headteacher for the past two decades. I know she will be greatly missed and am sure you will join me in wishing her a long and very happy retirement.

A little bit about me: during my teaching career, I have worked in a number of schools in Derbyshire and most recently as Headteacher at Horsley Woodhouse Primary School for the last nine years. I am local to the area and have a husband, a daughter, a son, two step daughters and six grand-children!

My first priority will be to get to know the children, to understand their individual needs, to support the staff in continuing to deliver an engaging, innovative and fun curriculum, and provide an exceptional, supportive and inclusive learning environment, enabling each child to achieve to their fullest potential.

I am looking forward to meeting the children in each class during the first few weeks and starting to learn their names! Unfortunately, due to Covid, this will have to be through Microsoft Teams initially.

Thank you to every parent for doing such an amazing job home schooling your children during the Lockdown period and as bubbles have closed. I know that it has been a difficult time for everyone and we are still not sure whether schools will have to Lockdown again at some point. However, I know we are feeling much more optimistic with vaccines on the horizon. Please be rest assured that my number one priority has always been the safety of children and staff and this continues to be my main priority during Covid-19.

From my first visit to school and through the incredibly challenging Lockdown period, I have been so impressed by the dedication of the staff team and the governors. It was lovely to see the governors' thank you banners, to staff, on the school gates.

If you have any question or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me – my door is always open (albeit by appointment only during Covid times!) and I value your input and contributions to school life.

I very much look forward to meeting you all (and some of you again!) and to a happy and successful time as the Headteacher of Pottery Primary School. I am really looking forward to my first parent informing me that I taught them as a child!

With my very best wishes,

Mrs E.K .Peach
Headteacher

