

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as after Easter I will be joining East Dene as the new Deputy Headteacher. I joined the Academy Trust in September 2021 as Deputy Headteacher at Coleridge Primary School and am now absolutely delighted to be able to continue this role within the Trust by joining the East Dene family.

Over the past month, I have been lucky enough to visit the school a number of times, and have always been greatly impressed by the levels of hard work, effort and fabulous manners I have seen demonstrated by the children here at East Dene. Each time I have visited, they have made me feel extremely welcome, and I look forward to taking the time to get to know them all better once I am here more regularly after Easter. I shall be making myself as visible as possible, and will often be on duty at the beginning and end of the day should you wish to come and say 'hello'. I will be catching up with the children during breaks and lunchtimes, as well as visiting classes and talking to the children about their learning.

As a parent of two young children, I am passionate about ensuring that all children receive the high-quality education that is equal parts enjoyable, enriching, challenging and nurturing, that I would want for my own children. The 'Good' outcome of the previous OFSTED inspection serves as a fantastic platform to build on, and is an indicator of how the entire staff team here works to improve standards in education for your children. Over the coming weeks and months, I will be working with Mrs Ridge, the senior leadership team and staff, to implement current school priorities, together with other new and exciting ideas, in order to ensure continued positive whole school developments.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks and being part of the journey that your child takes through this wonderful school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Kay