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Dear Families,

I hope you all have had a great Christmas break and have spent time with loved ones making precious memories. Also, I need to wish you all a Happy New Year, I hope 2023 brings you all happiness and joy.

I am writing this letter as I want to let you all know how excited I am to work at East Dene again. Some of you may remember that I worked here 4 years ago, as Deputy Headteacher, before I went to become Headteacher at Coleridge Primary School. I have always loved working at East Dene with the brilliant pupils and supportive families and our fabulous staff team. I am excited to get to meet you all and work closely with all families. As my role is across two schools, I will be on the yard either every morning or every evening and if you ever have any issues, worries or concerns please either come to speak with me then or please contact school and I will try to respond as quickly as possible.

I promise you all that I will continue to build upon the excellent work Mrs Ridge has put in place over the past 9 years and that my main priority will always be the children and the education they receive, both academically and socially. I will always be open and honest with you and want to continue to build strong relationships that benefit our pupils, families and staff. Most importantly, I want to ensure that East Dene is a happy school to come and learn, where pupils feel safe and loved, in this sort of environment, I know that our pupils will flourish.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and speak with me.

I look forward to working with you all and making our school the best it can be.

Thanks



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