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*With belief and hard work anything is possible*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels very exciting writing to you after my first few days as headteacher at Highcliffe. I have had such a warm welcome from the children and staff and it has been a pleasure seeing so many of you in the playground and at the gate. I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming days and weeks.

I feel incredibly fortunate to be taking on this new role and have seen immediately how dedicated the staff are to making your child's time with us the best it can be. It is clear that the success of the school is down to the *belief and hard work* from the children and each member of staff, who all demonstrate daily that *anything is possible*. I feel privileged to be following in the footsteps of Mrs Woodhead and Miss Krywiczagin and will work tirelessly to epitomise our school motto.

My appointment here has brought me back to the North East permanently after seventeen years away and it is good to be home! Since qualifying in 2001, I have taught in West Yorkshire, Germany (in a British Forces school) and most recently Staffordshire, and I have embraced every opportunity during this time to develop my experience and knowledge.

This is my first headship and I am determined to honour the faith and trust placed in me. My vision is very simple – leading a hugely successful school, with thriving, engaged, happy children with motivated, empowered staff. I know that everyone at Highcliffe is committed to ensuring this too and I can't wait to work collaboratively with them and with you. With your support, I know we can continue to ensure that our children reach their full potential in their academic, social, creative, physical, moral and spiritual development.

Communication will be crucial in establishing an effective relationship with you and I am very much looking forward to meeting with you during our parental drop ins later this month. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's school life. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Nicky King  
Headteacher