



Birdsedge First School

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Dear Families

I am delighted to be writing to you to introduce myself as your new Headteacher at Birdsedge First School. Taking up the role from September 2020, it is a position I cannot wait to begin and one I feel incredibly honoured to do. It fills me with complete pride to be able to lead such a wonderful school and serve a very special wider community. I know that Birdsedge First is a small school with a big heart, where everyone matters. This motto, the strong community links and a family culture, so unique to small schools, is what attracted me so strongly to this post. I endeavour to ensure these elements not only continue but grow and flourish under my leadership.



I have worked for a number of years teaching and leading in Barnsley schools. Prior to this I worked at Farnley Tyas First School and I am thrilled to be returning to Kirklees. Living in nearby Thurlstone and having my wonderful grandmother grow up in Kirkburton, this area of West Yorkshire already has a large piece of my heart and I just know it will have an even bigger part from September.



Throughout my career in education I have always held a very strong ethos that all children and families I work with deserve the best. My vision for Birdsedge First School is that together we achieve 'Birdsedge Best' for all pupils. The best education and care, the best experiences and opportunities and ultimately the best foundations for pupils to build on in their next stages in education and life. My own experience in primary school massively shaped my decisions and opportunities in later life. Therefore, it has always been my wish and absolute goal that I can teach, inspire and influence young people now, to help make their future and their contribution to our world the best it can be.

The partnership between home and school is one that cannot be undervalued and I believe this link is key in making sure all children can be their best self and reach their full potential. Building up these links with you all is something I will be working hard to do in September. Until then, I will be using the school's social media platforms to stay in touch, so please do keep checking them if you are able to.

Thank you, in advance, for your support to the school. I look forward to meeting and working with you all in September.

With kindest regards

Mrs Donna Waddington

