



**Medlar-with-Wesham
Church of England
Primary School**

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I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Medlar-with-Wesham Church of England Primary School. It is an absolute privilege to have been asked to guide the school, into the next phase of its improvement and growth. The reputation of the school and its relationship with the local community are well known throughout the local area and I am excited to be leading our school. At the heart of my vision for the school is a commitment to high standards, inclusion and social mobility.

I have been involved in education for 19 years and have an array of educational experiences. These include as a football coach, class teacher and most recently as the Deputy Headteacher at a high performing school in Preston where outcomes are outstanding. In the past, I have also worked with the Department for Education in a variety of roles. I also have a strong understanding of our school through personal links in the Wesham area.

As a parent of three children myself, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. We have a number of exciting plans being developed within the 2021/22 academic year, but we will limit the number of significant changes, focusing on getting everyday routines and habits consistent and ensuring high quality teaching and learning.

As the leader of the school, my main job is to make sure your child is safe, respected and achieving well whilst they are at school. I will be spending the first few weeks getting to know the children and ensuring that they are clear about the high expectations we have of them. I believe children should feel welcome in a safe and calm learning environment, inspired to achieve their full potential with learning opportunities tailored to their specific needs; and supported through effective teamwork when they are learning. They will achieve well if they are happy, clear about what is expected of them and the steps they need to get there.

I hold a strong belief in the power of education to change children's lives and the right of every child to receive an excellent education. I am dedicated to building opportunities for students to achieve the highest academic standards especially in English and maths, ensuring that they are known well as individuals and that their unique personality, talents and interests are nurtured and developed to the full. A Medlar-with-Wesham CE education is about developing the whole child through the application of the distinctive gospel values (forgiveness, courage, respect, faithfulness, hope and wisdom) and providing opportunities for them to flourish within and beyond the classroom through unique experiences that will further raise their aspirations. It is the aim of the whole school team to encourage each child to become a successful learner and well-rounded individual who is ready to make the next steps in their learning journey and to be 'More Than I Am'.

In light of the Covid pandemic, my commitment to our students and parents/carers welfare is to be a visible and approachable Headteacher; one who truly champions our students and their many successes, and is committed to the long-term success of the school. In doing so, I am keen to harness the views and energy of our parents/carers and will be holding regular parent forums in the months ahead. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school.

I very much look forward to meeting you in order to get to know you and share my vision and plans for the school in greater detail. This strong partnership between parents and the school is so important in enabling children to achieve success and so I ask for your full support of school policies and for your continued proactive involvement in your child's education. From September if you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to me. I will be visible on the playground and gates at the beginning and end of school on most days, but please feel free to leave a message at the office and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, have a great break and stay safe.

Mr G Allen