

4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your children back after the Christmas break and wish you a Happy New Year.

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Head teacher of Glendale Infant School. Having visited the school on numerous occasions prior to starting I have found everybody to be very welcoming. I am keen to continue to meet as many of you as I can over the coming weeks and will attempt to be on the playground at the beginning of each day.

During my teaching career I have taught in all of the year groups in the infant age range and some in the upper juniors. I have taught in a First and Primary school in Warwickshire and an Infant school in Northamptonshire. My previous post was as a Deputy Head teacher and over the past 2 years I have been acting Head teacher for 2 days a week.

It is extremely important to me that our children are happy here at Glendale and that all of their needs, academic and otherwise, are met. My priority is to support the hardworking and dedicated staff team in ensuring that our children achieve the very best standards that they can. When visiting the school I have been impressed by the behaviour and attitude of the children. I believe that respect, good behaviour and a positive attitude underpin excellent learning and the well-being of everybody in school.

I am very excited to be joining Glendale and intend to continue the drive for constant improvement set by Mrs Saje throughout her headship. I feel privileged to be working with such an enthusiastic team of staff and will be working closely with them, in partnership with you, to ensure that the children in our care have the best possible start to their life-long learning journey.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Hopkins

Head teacher