

Whitstable Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Headteacher Recruitment

I am delighted to be able to let you know that, after an extensive selection process, we have appointed a new Headteacher, Miss Sarah Kent.

Miss Kent says:

"I am absolutely delighted to be able to introduce myself as the next Headteacher of Whitstable Junior School and I am very much looking forward to being part of the whole community. From the moment I stepped into the school, I knew that it was a special place – I was made to feel welcome by every adult and every child. It will be my absolute privilege to be the next Headteacher of Whitstable Junior School on its future journey.

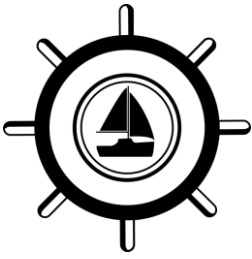
I am currently the Deputy Headteacher and SENCO at St. Nicholas-at-Wade CEP School where I lead on English and our wider curriculum. As SENCO I am passionate about supporting our more vulnerable learners and families. Prior to my current role I worked at Briary Primary School in Herne Bay and as I live in Canterbury, I am no stranger to Whitstable and can often be spotted enjoying a sea swim!

I am a mother of two amazing young people. My family is the cornerstone of my life. I am sure, like me, your children sit at the centre of your lives too. My pledge to you today, is that that I, along with the fabulous staff team at Whitstable Junior School, will put your children, at the centre of all that we do in school. I am very much looking forward to introducing myself more fully, and in person, in April."

I'm sure that Miss Kent will fit in extremely well at WJS and continue the great work that Mrs Knoupe and our fabulous team have been doing over Mrs Knoupe's time as our Headteacher.

Mrs Knoupe leaves at Christmas and Miss Kent will join us after the Easter holidays. Mrs Roy will be in charge of the school on a day-to-day basis during Terms 3 and 4, before Miss Kent joins us, supported by Ms Collin and the rest of the team. Mr Cooper from Swalecliffe Primary School will be providing oversight and guidance as Interim Executive Headteacher on a part-time basis.





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The Governors would like to thank Mrs Knoupe greatly for all she has done for the school in her time as both Deputy and Headteacher. We wish her all success in her new adventure – St Georges are very lucky to have her.

Finally, on behalf of the Governors, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards,

Ged Smith

Chair of Governors

