



Whitstable Junior School

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Dear parents and carers,

It gives me enormous pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of Whitstable Junior School. I am honoured to have been selected to be at the helm as we embark upon the next leg of this fantastic school's voyage.

My own children are now both in their twenties. However, as a parent my goal was and is to ensure that they are happy in life and realising their potential. This is the philosophy that I have always brought into my practice in education and so it will be in my new role as Headteacher. My aspiration is to empower all children who attend Whitstable Junior School to flourish, to be happy and to be supported with all the necessary opportunities, support and encouragement to be the best they can be, socially and academically.

I am passionate about providing our pupils with a world class education - all of them - regardless of any barriers they face. I will never settle for anything less because your children deserve the absolute best and I will do everything in my power to deliver that. I want to help create a school, working closely with our amazing staff team, that your children are desperate to attend - a place they feel safe and happy, excited and enthralled. A school they can proudly call their own.

I have worked in education for over 30 years, both in England and overseas. For the past 8 years I have been Deputy Headteacher and SENCo at a school in east Kent. I have developed the knowledge and skills to build upon the successes that this school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Knoupe.

At Whitstable Junior School we have a hugely committed and talented staff team. We have a cohort of wonderful children, who I am greatly looking forward to getting to know from the first week of Term 5.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy for leading the school recently and for the time they have given for open dialogue during last term to ensure a smooth transition.

I will be present morning and afternoon on the gate, to welcome the pupils and adults. I am there to answer any questions or receive feedback so please come and say 'hi'.

Yours faithfully,

*Ms Kent
Headteacher*

