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Dear Parent/ guardian,

Thank you so much for the warm welcomes that I have received. It is my privilege to write to you as the new Head teacher of Stillington Primary School. The staff at the school are clearly completely committed to providing the very best education for the children and I look forward immensely to working closely with them and yourselves as the school continues on its journey of improvement.

It is vital that every child, whatever their difficulties or strengths, achieves their maximum potential, and I will strive to ensure that every individual child at Stillington receives whatever support they need to reach this goal. Nothing less. This will only happen if the children feel valued, safe, happy and enjoy their learning. We will be working together to ensure that our curriculum is inspiring, exciting, relevant and fun, and our surroundings offer countless opportunities to extend this through outdoor learning. I am also keen to ensure that the children are challenged in all lessons and that our high expectations are reflected in everything seen, heard or experienced at the school. One aspect of this will be the development of excellent behaviours for learning, something which we will be focussing on over the next few weeks.

We all want our children to be knowledgeable, aspirational and keen to extend their learning. You will see us *Aiming High, Being Proud* through the close collaboration between staff, governors and yourselves, through our high aspirations for the children, and also through our determination to improve and secure the very best outcomes for them. As parents, you are a key partner in making this happen. To allow you to become even more involved in your child's learning Mrs Speake and I have developed overviews of what the children will learn this term- these will be shared next week. Keeping parents better informed and more involved is another priority for this term, and from next week I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us at our weekly award assembly. Details to follow.

It is also vital that the school serves and celebrates life in the local community, and I look forward to working closely with you and the wider community as we look to continuously improve. We may be a small school but I would like us to be recognised for our big hearts, big aspirations, big ideas and big successes.

I clearly remember my old head teacher from Primary school – always positive, always willing to listen and always aspirational for me. I hope your children will be able to say the same. I will keep you updated as we start our journey but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, thoughts or ideas. They will be very much valued.

Have a great weekend,

G.Robinson