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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to introduce myself to you after the letter you received from Councillor Catherine Donovan earlier this week.

My name is Mr Carl Sutherland and as of yesterday, I am now in post as Acting Headteacher for Lobley Hill Primary School for the foreseeable future. I am absolutely delighted to be here and to be able to support the school, children, staff and community.

I have over 9 years experience of Headship, including my current role as Headteacher of Dunston Hill Community Primary School and have worked within Education for over 20 years. In addition to my work, I am a very proud father of 4 children myself and, just to warn you, an avid Chelsea fan! So any tips you have on how our current dreadful run of form might be improved would be greatly appreciated.

I have already met with all staff after school yesterday and had a tour of the school, which feels wonderfully calm and positive. The children I have met are a credit to you and Lobley Hill and just so that you are aware, I will be introducing myself to them in Monday's assembly. I can't wait to meet them. I have also met with Mr Beattie and Mrs Wood Williams who have given me an overview of the school and talked through initial priorities.

Please be assured that the safety, wellbeing and happiness of children here at Lobley Hill is my overarching priority. If you have any questions or worries, please feel free to speak to me on the yard before or after school or make an appointment to see me via the School Office.

I am here to support and to help and I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks and months.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Yours sincerely

CR Sutherland

Mr C Sutherland
Acting Headteacher