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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to be starting in my new role as Headteacher at Westroyd Primary School and Nursery and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone. I have been warmly welcomed by the children today, and they have blown me away with their positive learning attitudes. We agreed in assembly this morning, that we intend to make Westroyd the best school in Leeds!

My background is education and I feel privileged, that after twenty- seven years in the profession I continue to love my job. Every day I am driven, to fulfil what I see as my core purpose, which is to improve pupil outcomes and ensure that the children are prepared to make a positive contribution in society.

Not only am I a Headteacher, but I am a Mum as well, living with my family out in Otley. We enjoy a variety of sports, making the most of the proximity to the countryside. I have a son at the local high school and a daughter, who is coming to the end of her primary school career. These two are my standard checkers, meaning I have high expectations. Everything I do, I question, “would this be good enough for my two?” If it is not then it needs to be done better, differently or not at all! Both my children love school and I do magpie ideas as to why, putting them into my own practice.

When I first visited Westroyd, I made an instant decision that I wanted to be the next Headteacher because of its warm and friendly atmosphere. I was also attracted by the uniqueness of the school, the building and its history as the original mill school in the village. The quiriness of the sheep as the emblem, also hooked me in. Did you know there is no other school in the UK with a sheep as the emblem? That has got to make the school special!

From my experience, I know that a successful happy school depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to your children’s achievements, and I’m excited to build on the relationship between you and the school.

Soon, there will be a survey sent to you, to collect your views on the school. I need your contribution to help me to create the school development plan. I have also asked the staff for their views and I will be meeting the school council to do the same. In the meantime, I will be around on the yard before and after school, or you can contact me by email through the school office.

I look forward to getting to know you all

Kind regards

Jenny Pashley

Headteacher

Westroyd Primary School and Nursery.

Westroyd Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children.