



# West Kingsdown CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers of pupils at St Matthew's CE Primary School

I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to you all as I am unable to come and visit the school due to the current COVID-19 situation. Normally I would have come and spent time in the school and had an opportunity to meet you and your children before September, however as we all know, things are far from normal at the moment!

I thought that I would introduce myself via letter for now, in order that I could tell you a little bit about myself. I live with my husband in Sevenoaks and have two stepsons. My teaching career began in 1996 and I have worked across both Key Stages in five different schools; two schools in London and three in Kent. I was Deputy Headteacher at New Ash Green Primary School, Acting Headteacher at Platt CE Primary School and have spent seven years here at West Kingsdown CE Primary School as Headteacher. I am now very excited to be taking on the new challenge of Headship at St Matthew's and working with the excellent team there.

Whilst we do not know yet exactly how things will look for schools in September, I will be looking to do three things:

- 1- Welcome everyone back in a safe and secure manner, with a clear emphasis on well-being.
- 2- Consolidate the foundations of learning for all of the pupils who may be at different points.
- 3- Build on those foundations in order to move forward and look to the future.

I am working very closely with Mrs Hayward and Mrs Pollard and once guidance has been published about children returning in September, we will work together in order that this can be put into place. In the meantime, I can see from ClassDojo that pupils are working hard both in school and at home so I am sure that you will all deserve a break during the summer holidays ready to return refreshed for September!

I look forward to meeting you all, when the situation allows.

Enjoy the summer break and stay safe!

Mrs Sonia Phillips  
Headteacher

West Kingsdown Church of England Primary School is a welcoming and nurturing environment, where each individual is supported to develop morally, spiritually, socially, culturally and academically. Our extended community, through our Christian values of Love, Courage, Trust and Respect encourage each other in faith to 'Let your light shine.' (Matthew 5).