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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. As we begin this new chapter together, I am writing to introduce myself formally as the Headteacher of our wonderful Church of England school.

As I begin my first term as Headteacher of St John's School Belper, I want to share how truly honoured I am to lead a school that means so much to me and to our community. St John's is a place filled with warmth, ambition, and a deep commitment to helping every child flourish. It is a privilege to continue this journey with you.

Our school is rooted in a strong Christian foundation where every child is valued, nurtured, and encouraged to flourish. This remains at the heart of all we do. As we step into this new season, I am wholeheartedly committed to ensuring that our school continues to be a place where children feel loved, safe, and inspired to achieve their very best - academically, spiritually, and personally.

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the trust you place in us each day. I look forward to working in close partnership with you - whether you are new to our school or have been part of the community for many years. By working together, we can continue to build a school that reflects our Christian values of love, respect, hope, and perseverance.

To mark the start of this new chapter, I would like to invite you to an Evening of Conversation and Aspirations on Tuesday 15th September at St John's. This will be an opportunity for us to come together, talk openly, and share our hopes for the future of the school. I am keen to listen - to understand what matters most to you, what you value about St John's, and what you believe will help us continue to grow and thrive. More information is to follow.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of our previous Headteacher, Mr Averis, whose commitment has played an important role in shaping the school we are so proud to be part of today. I look forward to building on this work and the strong foundations that have been established as we begin this new chapter.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I look forward to leading the school into its next chapter with a renewed sense of purpose and belonging.

With my very best wishes,

Mieke Carvell

Headteacher

