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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Headteacher Welcome

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year - I do hope you have all managed to prioritise your families and friends during the Christmas break. I am honoured and privileged to be able to write to you as the new acting Headteacher of Plymstock School. Since joining the school in January 2021, I suspected immediately that I was going to be part of a very special school community - and I was not wrong. The staff, students, families, governors and wider community of Plymstock are all truly committed to wanting to be the very best.

Of course, it is important to recognise that it continues to be a time of uncertainty in so many ways for so many people, including the fantastic young people who attend Plymstock School, and another change in leadership only adds to this. I would like to reassure you that under my leadership over the next two terms, I will aim to keep the school body entirely committed to ensuring that our children and young people are accessing a safe and consistent school environment. It is of chief importance that they are exposed to the highest standards and expectations, at the same time as being able to receive the support and care needed to be able to fulfil their potential.

The core purpose of Plymstock School is to empower all young people to have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life and make a positive contribution to society. I passionately believe that every child that attends our school has the ability, talent and potential to achieve this ambition, and have full confidence that our parents and carers share these high aspirations for our children too.

I have been fortunate enough to have enjoyed a successful twenty year career working in the education sector. The number one priority I have held during every stage of my educational journey is to make a positive difference and shape children and young people's futures for the better. Under my leadership, I aim to continue to work as hard as I can with all members of the school and wider community in ensuring we clearly understand the responsibilities we play in creating a culture and curriculum that is the platform to achieving excellence. This will be achieved by living out our school values daily, which means a number of things: I expect everyone associated with our school community to show compassion and kindness, to work in collaboration and accept their role in positively contributing to the greater good of the school. At this time, it is important to accept that there will be moments of difficulty and challenge but by demonstrating the right attitude, application and mindset, things **will** move forwards for the better!

At every opportunity I will be reminding ourselves that we are on a journey of '**restless excellence**' – better never stops! Securing the highest possible outcomes for ALL our children must remain our highest priority – this unlocks doors to a brighter future. I am excited and eager to see what the next two terms bring and look forward to working with you all to ensure we support our young people in the very best way we can.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity in thanking you for your continued support of Plymstock School.

Yours faithfully,



Alan Yendell
Headteacher

