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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Headteacher of The Avenue School and would like to welcome you all back to The Avenue School. I extend a particularly warm welcome to our new families who are joining us. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and we will do everything we can to ensure your child feels happy, safe and supported here.

The Avenue is a school with extraordinary charm and an ethos which holds the pupils at its heart. We are lucky to have a highly skilled, committed team who strive for the upmost success for our children and who have a caring and supportive ethos at their core. The Avenue School is undoubtedly a unique school and I feel privileged to be leading us forward.

Having participated in three productive and informative staff training days last week, our staff were eager to welcome back the pupils. After a summer break, it is understandable that some pupils will take a few days to settle back into the routines of school but our staff will be supporting and guiding them so that they feel comfortable and confident in the school environment as quickly as possible.

It is my aim to build on the foundations and current achievements ensuring that our school is ambitious and forward thinking within a supportive and safe environment. I fully appreciate how important each year of a child's school life is towards preparing them for life. I am passionate about teaching and have high expectations, not only for myself but for all members of our school community.

I will strive to ensure that our school supports children to be happy, safe and educated in a tailored manner in order for them to achieve their potential. I strongly believe that school is the opportunity for children to discover and unlock hidden talents in a fun and nurturing environment. Every child has the ability to do amazing things if a school provides the right opportunities.

I am a parent of two boys and as a parent my goal has always been to ensure my children are happy in life and achieve their potential. This is the philosophy I bring to my role as Headteacher. My goal is to ensure that all children who attend The Avenue are happy and are provided with a wide variety of opportunities to be the best they can be socially, emotionally and academically.

I have worked in education for over 20 years and have held many different leadership roles, including Principal of a large SEND school, Head of two Primary Academies, Primary Education Consultant, Executive Primary Education Advisor, Senior Vice Principal and Vice Principal.

The needs of our children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing our children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. I think it is crucial to involve our children and their families as partners in their education.

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I am also keen on building a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents and carers really is for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As the main provider and educator in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about our school.

I plan to hold a number of events over the year and will be inviting parents and carers to coffee mornings, school assemblies and to share our learning, which will provide an opportunity to meet you informally and discuss the building of a successful partnership. The information for the events will be shared as a 'dates for diary' letter and events will take place at different times, which I hope will enable parents and carers to attend.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns or if there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

**Ms Rachel Rai | Headteacher**

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