

SWING GATE INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be the new Headteacher at Swing Gate Infant School and Nursery and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I have already been fortunate enough to meet all of your children in class, at lunch and in assembly. Some of the Nursery children are not yet in school and I look forward to meeting them tomorrow. I took the opportunity on Monday's assembly to introduce the new Reception children and one new Year 2 child to the whole school community, they were very 'grown up' and were very pleased to meet the rest of their new school.

For the past 15 years I have worked in a local Infant and Nursey School, most recently as Deputy Headteacher and Acting Headteacher, and I am pleased to be able to bring this previous experience to Swing Gate School. In addition, I have worked as a Hertfordshire County Leading Teacher and Moderator, in both these roles I was fortunate enough to work with Swing Gate School and was already familiar with the welcoming and friendly environment. Previously, I have worked in Primary and Adult education and have tutored up to GCSE level. Before that I had a business background working both in industrial market research and business planning.

From my experience in education, I know that a successful and happy school depends on the school community; teachers, staff, parents and Governors working together. Already, on one of the INSET days, the staff and I have made improvements to the learning environment in communal areas, the most noticeable being the changes to the Learning Support Room. I am also very lucky to be supported by other members of the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Sara Dean and Mrs Carrie Hardwick.

At Swing Gate School there is a history of good and better practice, which I intend to continue with and improve upon. I am looking forward to finding out more about the school so that the changes we make in this new chapter of the school's history are supported by the whole school community.

It is well known that parents, as their children's first teachers, make an important contribution to children's achievements at school, and I want to further develop the partnership between the school and parents for your children's benefit.

I will be holding a number of events over the next term, which will provide an opportunity to meet you and discuss the building of a successful partnership. These meetings will take place at different times, which I hope will enable most families to attend. The first is a coffee morning that will take place next week on Wednesday 14th September after drop off.

Yours sincerely,

Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)

Headteacher



