

TADDINGTON/PRIESTCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed Headteacher at Taddington and Priestcliffe CE (A) Primary School.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been a senior leader for many years now in a range of large primary and special schools in Sheffield. With two young children, I realise the value that a small rural school can provide; ensuring that every child is known and integral to the school community.

From experience, I know that a successful, happy school depends on all of us working together. I am keen to get to know parents as well as pupils and staff. I will be holding a number of events before the end of the summer term which will provide an opportunity to meet you and discuss the building of a strong partnership. These meetings will take place at different times which I hope will enable most families to attend.

Taddington and Priestcliffe Primary has a history of excellence. In the coming weeks I will be talking to all members of staff and governors here at school in order to develop plans for strengthening and building upon this excellence.

Though I am eager to be in post, I am currently in negotiations with my current school with the aim to be released early from my existing contract. Whilst it is my sincere hope that this will coincide with the departure of Mrs O'Connor, there is a chance that this may not be possible. In the event that my start date is delayed, plans will be made to ensure a smooth transition is achieved. In the meantime, I will be discussing this matter with my current chair of governors and hope to offer you further clarity by the end of next week.

I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Warm regards,

James Handley