

Houghton Regis

Primary School

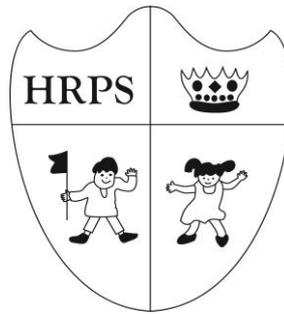
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Dear Parents and Carers

I feel delighted and highly privileged to be the new Headteacher of Houghton Regis Primary School. From my initial tour of the school and then during my subsequent interview and visits, I have been really impressed by the well-mannered, articulate pupils, dedicated staff and hugely supportive governing board and extended community. I am now thrilled to have the opportunity of leading this wonderful school and building on its successes.

The school motto is: Where Everyone Matters and Every Day Counts.

This motto concurs with my own vision for education. Childhood is not a dress rehearsal and my key priority is for our pupils to love learning through an exceptional curriculum which is exciting and constantly developing.

I am focused on the development of the whole child and aim to provide a stimulating and nurturing environment in which our children will feel safe, engaged and happy.

I have been a Headteacher for five years now. In my most recent post I led the school to achieve an 'excellent' SIAMS inspection and a 'good' Ofsted inspection. Prior to Headship I experienced many successful years as a Primary School teacher, having taught both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two children in a variety of schools in Hertfordshire. These posts included two positions as a Deputy Headteacher. In addition to my work in Primary Schools, in September 2018, I founded a Nursery School. This setting was also graded as 'excellent' in March 2019 during a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection.

I am passionate about my work in education and strive to provide the very best for every child every day. A key feature of the schools I have led has been the exceptional and extremely broad curriculum on offer to pupils. One of my first priorities at Houghton Regis will be to further develop the curriculum in all areas and increase the range of co-curricular opportunities on offer to our children.



I have very high expectations of all pupils and have secured consistently high academic standards at the schools I have led as Headteacher. I am dedicated to ensuring all pupils achieve and progress extremely well at Houghton Regis

As a family man with two young children, I fully understand the fundamental importance of schooling and recognise the vital nature of children attending a supportive, high quality school that allows every young person to reach their potential. We all want the best for our children and I have always believed this is best when schools work in unison with parents.

I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and will aim to be around before and after school in order to talk to parents and carers once the government allows schools to re-open.

In the meantime, enjoy spending time with your children at home. I know the staff team have provided home learning packs and please do spend time completing these with your children. I would also encourage you all to take time to nurture useful life skills with your children. Gardening, cooking and reading a good book together are but a few activities for families to enjoy together. In addition, while it is still allowed, keeping active by cycling, walking and running together (at a safe distance from other families) are great ways to stay healthy and active.

Wishing you and your children good health during this unusual time.

Yours sincerely

James Edwards

Mr J Edwards

Headteacher