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Dear parents/carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you all for the first time to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Deptford Green school. I have grown up in Lewisham, I live in Lewisham and have worked in a Lewisham school for the past four years.

**Catch the wind in your sails, explore, dream, discover.**

The Deptford Green motto resonates strongly with my own moral purpose and passion and underpins all that we do and all that we embody here at school. I would like to assure you all that I intend to not only ensure every child who attends Deptford Green is able to follow their dreams and discover their full potential, but also to ensure community is at the heart of all that we do and offer.

As a teacher of art and photography I am a huge advocate for the arts and am excited to explore additional opportunities for our pupils and families to enrich their educational experiences through these disciplines.

I am committed to ensuring every child has a positive experience at school and is able to leave us with a wide number of choices with many doors opened for them in the future.

I welcome your ideas and views on how we can further improve our school therefore I will be hosting a series of afternoon tea events for parents and stakeholders in the autumn term. Watch this space for more information.

Looking ahead to September it will be a relief to return to a sense of normality so that our students are able to get on with the core business here at Deptford Green. **Learning.**

As you may know the Government has announced that all pupils will need to be tested before starting school in the next academic year.

Please see attached the detailed plan for testing and starting dates and times for September.





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If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school office in the first instance and they will direct your query to the right person.

The turbulence of the past year has been difficult for us all. No more so than our young people who, despite showing enormous resilience and adaptability, have had to suffer a huge disruption to their learning journeys.

We would like to start the school year in a strong position and continue to have high expectations of our staff and students in order to ensure high quality learning experiences are taking place on a daily basis.

Our focus of the first half term is as follows:

### **Consistency & Communication is key**

With this in mind please can I remind you of the school policy for uniform, mobile phones and student conduct whilst in attendance at school. Please spend some time over the break ensuring your child is fully aware of our high expectations and that they are fully equipped and prepared for a strong start to the year in September.

I for one am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities this year holds and hope you and your children are too. It is a new year, with many possibilities and one we should all be looking forward to. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Phillips a happy and restful retirement. I know that he has worked incredibly hard these past four years and that our school is in a much better position now due to his hard work and commitment.

I will leave you with the wise words of the great Maya Angelou who once said,

*“Lift up your hearts. Each new hour holds new chances for new beginnings.”*

I hope you all have a restful and peaceful break and I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

Kindest regards

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