



## **Middleton-in-Teesdale Nursery and Primary School**

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*'Where many hearts make a school'*

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you to introduce myself and the leadership team here at school. I am very much aware that you will be feeling that there has been significant change here at Middleton over the last few months and years and you may well wonder what is going on. I want to reassure you, as much as I can, that the whole team here, will work together to provide your children with the best possible educational experiences over the coming months. We are delighted to be joining the school team.

I have been a Head Teacher for 20 years at Cleves Cross Primary and Nursery School in Ferryhill. My colleague and fellow Leadership Team member, Helen Ashton, has been Head Teacher at Rosa Street Primary in Spennymoor for 7 years. Together, we are the senior leadership team at Cleves Cross Learning Trust and along with Grace Churchill, Middleton's Deputy Head Teacher, we will be leading the team at Middleton-in-Teesdale to make sure the school continues to go from strength to strength.

I very much hope that we can count on your support as we get to know you, your children and the community of Middleton over the coming weeks and months. We are keen to meet as many of you as possible and to take the time to get to know you and your family as we work together. The governors and I are keen to invite you to an informal meeting, where we can have a chat alongside some refreshments and start the 'getting to know you' process – look out for a date in the next few weeks - as soon as we can find a date that works for us all!

There will no doubt be a few changes along the way in the weeks ahead and I assure you that we will do our utmost to keep you as updated and informed as possible. Please do keep up with our School App, website and Class Dojo for lots of relevant information that will help you to support your child and make sure you don't miss important dates and activities. We will continue to send out regular newsletters – and these will be fortnightly rather than weekly. App messages will be sent, as and when needed, with reminders and any changes that need to be made to plans that are unavoidable. Please do let us know if you are not receiving our App messages and we will do our best to help get you sorted.

Finally, can I please assure you that the whole team here at Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School are committed to working together for the benefit of all of our children. Mrs Ashton and I are looking forward to meeting you and becoming part of your community. If you do have any specific questions at all that you would like us to respond to directly, please do feel able to email school at [p2430.admin@durhamlearning.net](mailto:p2430.admin@durhamlearning.net) or give school a call and they will let you know when we would be available to meet in person or speak on the telephone.

Look out for our meeting invitation coming soon!

Kind regards

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Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School