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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a happy and healthy summer and your children are looking forward to returning to school on **Thursday 3 September 2020**. We are certainly looking forward to having everyone back.

I want to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. My name is Simon Beahan and I am proud to be the Acting Executive Headteacher of both Longstone and Curbar for the autumn term. I have known Longstone School and Mrs Harvey for some time through local cluster work and I know she will be sorely missed by everyone at the school. However, I am looking to complement and develop the fantastic work that has gone on before with the ongoing support of the whole school community until a substantive headteacher is hopefully appointed for January 2021.

I would like to thank all of those, particularly the staff and governors, who have already given me such a warm welcome. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you during the coming term. As a parent of three young children myself, I realise the rewards and stresses that parenting can bring.

I believe most strongly that education is a partnership shared between school and home particularly during these unprecedented times. It is my sincere hope that through school and home working together we can continue to ensure the success of your child's learning journey at Longstone Primary School.

I intend to divide my time between the two schools. When I am on site, I aim to be out and about at the beginning and end of each school day and, although there are arrangements in place for dropping off and picking up, please come and say hello and introduce yourself if these arrangements allow.

When I am not at Longstone, Miss Brocklehurst, as the school's Acting Assistant Head, will deal with any matters arising and liaise with me as necessary. Miss Brocklehurst is well known to most parents and is a longstanding member of the school's senior leadership team.

Miss Brocklehurst will maintain a teaching commitment but will be out of class each Thursday and Friday in her leadership capacity. Consequently, I would like to welcome Miss Kate Pont to Longstone who will be teaching Dahl class for two days each week when Miss Brocklehurst is out of class. I am really pleased to welcome Miss Pont to the school having worked with her before at Curbar. I know she will be a strong addition to the Longstone team.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan

Acting Executive Headteacher