



### Allfarthing Primary School

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### Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for giving the time up the time to come today, I just want to introduce myself briefly, tell you about some of the aims that I would like to achieve and give you the opportunity to ask some questions, as well as gather your opinions at the end.

#### First of all why Allfarthing?

You look for a school that you feel you have the skills set to match, can make a difference in and add to the success already occurring in the school. Having worked in Outstanding schools for 11 years, I feel now is the time to use that experience with a school on its journey to outstanding. When I decided I wanted to be a Headteacher, I looked around quite a few schools but only applied to one and that was here. I can relate to the needs of the whole school community and have always worked in schools where the parents have been engaged in their children's education.

#### What would I like to achieve at Allfarthing?

Make this the school of choice within the area, where children stay all the way through to Year 6. Aspire to be an outstanding school, not only in the Ofsted name, but actually what it feels like to be an outstanding school-children have a genuine enjoyment in learning and thrive, to use the school motto "Excellence for all".

An environment where children and adult show mutual respect.

A rich broad curriculum that focuses on English and Maths but a balanced curriculum; a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. I leave a legacy of running clubs in my last 3 schools. St Mary's has 90 children on a Friday morning running in Marble Hill park.

#### What will be my style?

Be on the gate at the start and end of school whenever possible, get to know the children's names.

Communicate effectively with parents through regular newsletters, start a school twitter feed, updated news items on the website, Headteacher's surgery where parents can make appointments at a dedicated set time, as well as usually being able to make appointments as and when.



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### About me

I live with my wife Kathryn in Twickenham. This will be the fourth school that I've worked in following three in Surrey, Wandsworth (Honeywell) and, most recently, Twickenham, where I have been Deputy Head at St. Mary's for 6 years, including a period as Acting Head. I thoroughly enjoy sport (e.g. playing touch rugby, cricket and cycling) and the theatre/cinema.

### 3 words that I would use to describe myself

Personable, passionate and determined.

I am happy to take any questions.

Post its and tea/coffee:

On your way out, and if you stay for a tea/coffee I would like to get a brief picture of what you think about Allfarthing.

There are two pieces of paper at the back: one saying 'What makes Allfarthing special' and the other 'Even better if ....'

I would really value your feedback on the post-it notes.

**Tom Holmes New Headteacher from 01.17**

**Speech given to Parents on Friday 14.10.16**



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