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Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to write and introduce myself as the new Principal of King Richard School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to be leading the school at such an important time and am looking forward to immersing myself in the school's vibrant community.

My vision for this school is simple: to ensure that every child is able to thrive, develop and succeed in an environment built on the highest standards. In short, my wish for your children is that they achieve their absolute best and become the best that they can be.

I am extremely grateful to Mr. Antell and Mr. Adcock who have laid foundations for significant and sustained improvement of the school since their arrival and made learning their number one priority. I am sure you will agree that learning is the most important aspect of any school, and to achieve the highest levels of learning, we must ensure our children can sit in classrooms free from disruption. I promise to continue this work over the coming academic year, setting the bar higher for behaviour, academic success and personal development of your children. I am confident that King Richard School will become the number one choice for parents across the city of Portsmouth.

In writing this introduction, it is important to stress the significance of your support in the coming months. We are fortunate to be part of the United Learning family, alongside our neighbours at Victory and Beacon View, and I know staff are excited by the opportunities and support available within the organisation. It does however bring significant change, which can be unsettling. Please be assured that the staff at King Richard School will do everything we can to maintain clear and transparent communications.

In further supporting the school, please can I draw your attention to the importance of your child being here every day. Excellent attendance at school is crucial if your children are to achieve their very best potential. A single day away from school means a child misses over 300 minutes of direct instruction. Should this continue for a week, they can miss over 1500 minutes. Please consider how difficult missing this much time from your own workplace would be.

Once again, many thanks in advance for welcoming me into the King Richard community. I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks and months.

Yours Sincerely



Christian Down  
Principal