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Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Lynsey Young and I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the Headteacher of Roebuck Academy.

The staff and children have made me feel very welcome during the first week and I feel privileged to have been appointed to lead this school into the future. It has been a pleasure to meet a number of parents at the school gate and in the playground and if we haven't met yet, I'm sure we soon will. On Tuesday as the children walked through the school gates I felt immensely proud to be the Headteacher. All of the children looked incredibly smart, were punctual and all ready for school. Well done everyone.

From my experience of being a teacher, Deputy and Head of school for over 18 years, I know that a successful, happy and an ultimately 'great' school depend on all of us working together in harmony.

Being a parent, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is evident in all areas across the school. Together with the Governing body and the Hart Schools Trust, the staff and I intend on continuing to improve the school at every level and make Roebuck Academy a truly great school.

Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and to meet with Mr Marshman, Mr Fordham, pupils and staff. I would like to thank Mr Marshman and Mr Fordham for their support and help in ensuring that the transition has been smooth and successful and I believe will stand me in good stead for a great year ahead.

During my visits I have also had the opportunity to meet with the Managing Director of the Hart Schools Trust, Mr Mark Lewis. During a visit this week we were very privileged to observe happy children engaged in their learning. The children here have exceptional behaviour as well as a positive attitude to their learning and school life. I believe that with the right attitude, respect and excellent behaviour that the children here can dream, believe and achieve.

The staff and I will be spending the next few weeks ensuring that all of the children settle into their new classes and are clear about the very high expectations we have of them. I believe children should feel welcome, inspired, safe and supported when they are at school and learning.

I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to experience primary school as a truly positive and rewarding experience. I strongly believe achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress. I hope you will support our high expectations in all areas; especially in behaviour, growth mindset and achievement.

I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible soon at the School's Forum – date to be released shortly.

Finally, I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school. Together we can make Roebuck Academy a truly 'Great' school.

Yours faithfully,

Ms L Young