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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as Director of School Improvement for Leger Education Trust and to be leading Ridgewood School in the absence of Mr Peirson. It is a privilege to join such a wonderful school community, and I am excited to begin working with our pupils, families, staff, and governors.

Education has always been about more than academic achievement for me. Every child deserves to feel safe, valued, challenged, and inspired to achieve their very best. I believe that when schools and families work together, children flourish, and I am committed to developing strong partnerships with you to ensure every pupil has the opportunity to succeed.

Over the coming weeks, I look forward to getting to know our pupils and learning about what's working well and taking feedback on areas the school can look to improve. I am passionate about creating an environment where high expectations are matched with care and support, where every child is encouraged to develop confidence, resilience, kindness, and a love of learning.

My vision is to ensure that every pupil receives an exceptional education, enabling them to achieve academically while also developing the skills, character, and ambition needed for life beyond school.

I recognise the important role that parents and carers play in their child's education, and I value open, honest communication. I encourage you to become actively involved in school life, and I look forward to meeting many of you at school events, parents' evenings, and other opportunities. Your views, ideas, and support are incredibly important, and together we can ensure the very best outcomes for our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for making sure our pupils were so well prepared with their new uniform and equipment. We have had a fantastic first week of term and it has been wonderful to see everyone settling in so positively.

I am genuinely looking forward to becoming part of this community. I know there is much to celebrate, and I am excited about what we can achieve together.

I look forward to meeting you and working in partnership to provide the very best education for every child.

Yours faithfully,

Ruth Hartley
Director of School Improvement



'Prepare for the road ahead'

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience