



4<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents/carers,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you. I am delighted at being appointed to the role of Head Teacher at Ashworth Nursery School. I want to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself to you, and to express my enthusiasm for the exciting times ahead.

My name is Victoria Burnside, I am currently a Deputy Head Teacher at a school in Blackburn and I am Specialist Leader of Education for Star Academies. I have worked within Blackburn with Darwen for over 20 years as a Teacher, SENCO, Advisory Teacher, Assistant Head Teacher and most recently Deputy Head Teacher.

I am married and have four lovely children (including a set of twins!). I love listening to music and spending time outdoors.

My philosophy for education is one based around being inclusive and doing the very best by every child to ensure they have an excellent start to their school career. I whole heartedly believe children learn and thrive when they are happy, which is why I plan fun and enjoyment in everything I do. I believe that all children are amazing and have a unique potential waiting to be unlocked- therefore it is a privilege, as a teacher and a leader, to be able to nurture and enthuse children to fully achieve this, especially during their first school days, which is such a special time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff and governors of Ashworth Nursery School, who have already made a positive impression on me during my recent visits and made me feel incredibly welcome. Seeing their enthusiasm and love of their Nursery School made it an easy decision to want to come and be your new Headteacher.

It goes without saying that I want to build on the fantastic work already being done in the nursery school, which has been lead so well by Mrs Harries. The enthusiasm and energy the staff team demonstrate is something I have already noticed and I am excited about.

I very much look forward to getting to know you all and being part of your fantastic nursery school. I will be spending my time over the next few weeks working with Mrs Harries and her team, in order to be ready for September to welcome your children, working together to successfully lead Ashworth Nursery School forward.

Kind regards

Mrs Victoria Burnside

