

Tas Valley Church Schools Federation

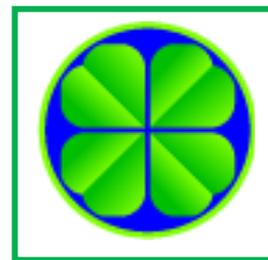


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all enjoyed a happy and healthy Christmas, and that your children are looking forward to returning to school after a restful break.

I am delighted to be joining the team at the Tas Valley Federation. Since my appointment in June 2021, I have been able to visit both schools on many occasions, and have worked closely with staff and governors to ensure that the transition between headteachers has been as smooth as possible. Staff, children and governors have clearly worked very hard to make Preston and Saxlingham the great schools that they are today, and I feel privileged to have been appointed as the Executive Headteacher of two schools with such a good reputation within the local community.

You can be assured that I will strive to build on the strong foundations already in place so that all our children continue to be safe, happy and achieve well whilst they are members of our school community. Over the coming weeks, I look forward to dividing my time between both schools in order to get to know the children and find out more about their learning experiences. I look forward to leading the Federation forward, developing and strengthening the links between the two school communities, so that we continue to provide a creative, nurturing and child-centred learning environment, where every pupil is inspired to learn and enthused to achieve their true potential.

The situation with regard to COVID-19 and the Omicron variant continues to be very uncertain, with the media having anticipated the introduction of further restrictions over the Christmas period. Please see the attached information leaflet, which summarises the current guidance for parents/carers, including the updated guidance on self-isolation.

Education Unions are concerned that a continued high infection rate could impact schools if staff members become unwell and/or are required to self-isolate. Please be assured that we will do everything possible to keep all our classes open over the coming weeks.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming days. Please do say hello in the playground and don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning or wellbeing at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Matt Walker

Executive Headteacher