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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to introduce myself to you as the new Acting Head Teacher of Pumpherston and Uphall Station Community Primary School and share a bit about myself along with the vision that I have for our school community. Firstly, I would like to begin by thanking the children, staff and parents for already making me feel so welcome. It was a great opportunity for me to be part of the recent inspection process, and Mr Eagleson has been a great support in helping me to get to know the school community.

It is a privilege to have been chosen for this post and I believe, as the new Acting Head Teacher of PUSCPS, it is important you know a little about me. I began my career at Harrysmuir Primary. During my time there, I had the opportunity to take part in a range of leadership opportunities which resulted in a secondment to Education Scotland, first of all for the development of Glow, and then for Technologies. I then took up a promoted post in Stirling Council as Principal Teacher and then Acting Depute Head Teacher. During this time I completed a PGCE in Educational Leadership. Most recently, I have been the proud Depute Head Teacher of Mid Calder Primary and whilst there I have gained my Into Headship Degree.

Also joining our Senior Leadership Team as Acting Principal Teacher, covering Ms Morrison's maternity leave is Morag Dickie. Morag is looking forward to working with our children and families at PUSCPS. She joins us from St John Ogilvie Primary School, where she has been leading the nursery team. She is also an early years cluster network leader. Prior to this, Morag taught at St Joseph's Primary School in Whitburn, where she completed the West Lothian Introduction to Leadership programme and a PGCE in Educational Leadership.

My vision will drive forward our school motto of 'Positive understanding supports confident personal success,' believing that every child deserves a champion to ensure that they can become the best they can be. I feel that our children should be at the centre of all the decisions we make, and that our school should continue to develop its positive reputation in our community. I have high expectations for all, resulting in high quality learning experiences. I believe our curriculum should be focussed on preparing our children for the world of learning, life and work through developing their independence and leadership skills.

Partnerships are central to any school's success and I will endeavour to become familiar with the families within PUSCPS. I hope that we can work together in the best interests of our children. I believe in having an open door policy, so if you have any suggestions, ideas or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Ultimately, I hope that our children take away happy memories from their primary school experience and that they remember the events, people and the learning that made school memorable for them, enabling them to develop and demonstrate our school values.

I look forward to meeting you all at parent appointments this week and during our Christmas events. Here's to our exciting new stage in PUSCPS journey to excellence!

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Burton

Acting Head Teacher

