

Reading Early Years Schools Federation

A federation of Blagdon, Caversham and New Bridge Nursery Schools

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Executive Headteacher of the Reading Early Years Schools Federation. It is a real privilege to join the communities of Blagdon Nursery School, Caversham Nursery School and New Bridge Nursery School, and I am very much looking forward to the journey ahead.

I know how important a child's nursery experience is, not only for their learning and development, but also for their confidence, wellbeing and sense of belonging. My priority is to ensure that every child is happy, safe, valued and inspired to learn, while each of our three schools continues to retain the special character and strengths that families know and value.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be spending time in all three schools. I am looking forward to meeting many of the children, seeing them learn and play, and beginning to get to know the families who make each school community so special. Please do say hello if you see me at the start or end of the day.

Strong relationships with families are central to children's success. I want us to listen carefully, communicate clearly and work in partnership with you throughout your child's time with us. I also look forward to building relationships with our wider communities and strengthening the links that help our children and families to thrive.

I am fortunate to be joining experienced and caring teams across the federation. I look forward to working closely with our Heads of School, staff and governors, building on the strong foundations already in place and continuing to develop the high-quality experiences we offer every child.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. I am excited to learn more about each school and to work with you as we continue creating the very best start for all of our children.

With best wishes,

Benedict O'Shea

Executive Headteacher

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