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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all, and I hope you had a wonderful break over the Christmas period.

I am writing to introduce myself properly as the new Head Teacher at Watling Meadows Primary School. I have now officially completed my first week in post, and I have been made to feel extremely welcome and very much at home.

As you will know, the application closing date for Reception places is 15th January. If you do know of any families that are still undecided, please do encourage them to come and talk to us before the closing date. I am more than happy to meet with parents and carers to go through any questions that they may have.

You will have heard from our Trust CEO before Christmas, advising of unavoidable delays to the build. There is an excellent contingency plan in place for Watling Meadows Primary School to open at Higham Lane North Academy in the Autumn Term. We already have our model classroom there, and I am based there too. As the Academy is part of the Trust, transition will be very smooth. We are really lucky to have access to these state-of-the-art facilities.

We have all been to the school site and have regular meetings with the contractors. They are working to a very tight schedule. I have my new boots and Hi-Viz vest in the car, so I will be sure to make regular visits to the site too.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you might have. We do have a new admin email address: [hello@watlingmeadows.co.uk](mailto:hello@watlingmeadows.co.uk), and we also have Facebook and Instagram pages too. Just search for Watling Meadows Primary School, and you will be able to keep in touch. I will be in contact regularly too.

Have a good week, and thank you for your support.

Best wishes

Mr D Barrow

Head Teacher

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