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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Rowhill, and I would like to begin by apologising for not writing to you sooner.

As you know, I started at Rowhill on the 5th January, then had Ofsted in the following week, therefore my immediate priority was preparing for and now responding to the inspection.

Ofsted has highlighted some systemic concerns, particularly in relation to behaviour. I want to reassure you that these findings did not come as a surprise. They reflect issues that I had already identified during my autumn term visits and begun to consider when I took up my role. Unfortunately, Ofsted arrived before some of this work could be formally put in place.

Since the inspection, we have reviewed a wide range of data and evidence across the whole school. I am currently working closely with the governing body, staff and the senior leadership team to explore the most appropriate and effective solutions to address these concerns and ensure sustainable improvement.

I am fully committed to making sure that our children are supported to thrive, not only academically but also socially and emotionally. I will be writing to you again imminently to outline the changes we are hoping to make to support behaviour and to strengthen provision for our children's social, emotional and mental health needs. We are keen to involve parents and pupils and will be including consultation with you with changes as appropriate.

I have also been spending time getting to know the school better by meeting with pupils, staff and many of you as parents and carers. I am looking forward to getting to know more of you in the coming months.

Kindest regards

Nathalie Fitzgerald
Headteacher