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Dear Parent/Carer

INCLUSION LEAD/SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS CO-ORDINATOR

My name is Karen Griffiths and I am delighted to introduce myself to you as your new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

I originally trained as a Secondary teacher and worked in local schools, but after having my family I returned to teaching in a rather roundabout way, picking up a broad range of unique skills and experience along the way that I will be bringing to my new role in your school.

All of my previous roles have involved me working alongside the schools of Weymouth and Portland in some way: as an Extended Schools Co-ordinator, as a Locality Worker for Children's Services, with a brief secondment to CAMHS to complete a Post Graduate Diploma in Psychological Therapies for Young People (Parenting) before being recruited as a specialist teacher for Chesil Education Partnership's Thrive Education Zones. It is from here that I eventually returned to the mainstream classroom, having the pleasure and privilege of teaching Upper Key Stage 2 for the last 3 years at Chickerell Primary Academy.

My approach to teaching (and all my previous roles) has always been based on strong relationships: with children, with families and with colleagues (within school and with outside agencies). This will remain the case as I take up this new role across both the Portesham and Chickerell settings. I am very keen to reinstating a regular parent drop in at Portesham (dates and times to be arranged) so that I can get to know you all personally. It will be through our strong relationships that we will work in partnership to support your children to achieve their very best outcomes.

I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

Yours faithfully

Karen Griffiths
Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Headteacher: Mrs V Prior

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