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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted and honoured to be appointed to succeed Jo Tupman as the next Headteacher of Barking Abbey School. I would like to thank her for her amazing contribution to the school and I know the entire community wishes her well in the future.

It is indeed an unusual time to become a Headteacher and I am grateful to have had the chance to spend time with Jo and her team learning about the school, the achievements of our community and the wonderful pupils and their families.

It is also an unusual time for you as parents, carers and as pupils starting the next stage of your education. I know that many of you want nothing more than for school to open as normal. As teachers and support staff we all want this too, but it is right that we follow the Government guidelines on how to protect everyone.

As you are aware, the government has now published its guidance on the full reopening of schools in September. We are currently reviewing this new guidance and are in the process of formulating our plans for September. We will keep you fully informed and confirm our timetable and curriculum provision in due course, so we are ready to welcome all our students back and welcome our new Year 7 students into the school.

From my experience of being a Deputy Headteacher at Robert Clack school for 6 years, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together and that you as parents and carers make an important contribution to children's achievements at school. I want to continue to develop the relationship between the school and home for everyone's benefit. To this end, when it is safe to do so, I will be holding a number of events which will provide an opportunity to meet you, share the great work of the school and discuss the building of a successful partnership. These meetings will take place at different times, which I hope will enable most families to attend.

For our incoming year 7 pupils, like you I will be starting at a new school in September and like you I am also excited and nervous. These are perfectly normal feelings and whilst we have not been able to welcome you into school as part of transition we are working hard to make sure that you are well prepared. I would like to give you 2 pieces of advice to help you when you start in school and indeed throughout your time in school. Always do your best and listen carefully to the adults in school who are all there to help you achieve your dreams. If you do these each and every day then your time in secondary school will be a huge success and you will make your families proud.



Finally our school motto says that we should 'Give and expect the best'. In these difficult times it is important that we hold true to this and that we all work together as a community to support each other. Some of us will have suffered loss in many different ways and will need extra help.

As a school we have always been ready to play our part in helping the community and we continue to do this now.

I look forward to welcoming you to Barking Abbey School soon.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Roe', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Tony Roe
Headteacher designate