

RAWMARSH SANDHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER: Mr D Gough

Dear Parents, Carers and the Sandhill School Community,

I hope you've all had a wonderful start to the school year and are looking forward to a welldeserved half term break. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I prepare to join the school after half term as your new Headteacher.

My name is Mr Gough and I'm absolutely delighted to be joining this wonderful school. This will be my third headship having been working in primary education since 2007, spending over 12 years in the classroom before moving into headship in 2019. I'm passionate about continuing to build a school environment where every child feels safe, welcome and happy and where families feel truly connected and involved in school life.

I'm married to Becky, and we have two daughters, Eliza (8) and Martha (4), who keep us very busy. They also constantly remind me of the joy and wonder that makes primary school such a special place. Outside of school, I'm a keen sportsman and I've already had some lovely conversations with pupils about sport and clubs - something I'm really looking forward to getting involved with in the months ahead.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Leighton for her dedication and the huge amount of work she's put into leading the school so successfully. We will be working closely together to make sure the transition is as smooth and seamless as possible and I'm excited to continue building on all the brilliant things that are already happening here.

After half term, we'll be publishing an updated calendar of events for the remainder of the term. There will also be opportunities to meet me in person, including an informal Q&A session and some social events, such as a Family Quiz Night before Christmas - a lovely way for us to come together as a community and get to know each other better.



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I feel very privileged to be joining such a caring and successful school, and I can't wait to get started after the break. Thank you in advance for the warm welcome that I am sure to receive - I'm very much looking forward to working with you all to ensure our children continue to flourish and achieve their very best.

Wishing you all a restful and happy half term.

Warm regards,

Mr Gough

Headteacher (from November!)