



BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL & BABY UNIT

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. On behalf of all the staff and governors at Bowerham, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school as your child begins an exciting new academic year. I would also like to offer a particularly special welcome to all the new children and families joining Bowerham this year.

Mrs Banks continues to be absent, and I have been asked by the Local Authority and Chair of Governors, David Knight, to support as Associate Headteacher. My role involves working alongside leaders, staff and governors to ensure continuity of learning and support for all pupils.

I am currently Headteacher at Moss gate Primary School, Heysham, and have been since 2018. As Associate Headteacher, I will support Bowerham's established and capable senior leaders on a part-time basis whilst also continuing as Headteacher at Moss gate. The current plan is for me to be based at Bowerham every Monday and Thursday, but this may change depending on the needs of both schools.

If parents have any questions or concerns, please continue to use the normal procedures by contacting your child's class teacher or the relevant senior leader. If you feel you need to contact me directly, my email is rsmith@bowerham.lancs.sch.uk.

Finally, please can I remind all members of the school community that Mrs Banks' absence relates to an individual matter, I am unable to comment further. I would ask that people respect the privacy of those involved and avoid speculation. The safety and wellbeing of pupils remains the top priority of all staff and governors at Bowerham so that every child can '*Stand tall, reach high and love learning*'.

Kind regards,

Mr R. Smith - Associate Headteacher



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The Bowerham School community is proud to nurture aspiration,
inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for a changing
Society.

