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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Appointment of New Headteacher September 1st, 2025

My name is James Amps, and, from September 1st, I am the new Head Teacher of Potterspurty Lodge School. I have been a Teacher and School Leader for 23 years across Northamptonshire, Nottingham, Staffordshire, and Derbyshire.

Although I met several students while on interview, I look forward to getting to know all our students as we progress through the coming academic year. I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to take on the leadership of a school with such a good reputation in the local community, and I am sure some parents and students are understandably curious about the change in school leadership and the impact this may have. Indeed, I have two children myself and know how change can affect how they feel about school. Please be reassured that there will be no immediate change in terms of the routines for your child. Over the course of the coming academic year, I and the staff will ensure communication of any changes are done with great care to make sure the personal development and progress of your children remains at the centre of all that we do.

The core values and expectations we as a Cambian School uphold will not change but continue to develop. As the Headteacher, my main job is to make sure your child is safe, happy, and achieving well whilst they are with us on both their academic and personal development journeys to becoming confident young people. The staff and I will be spending the initial few weeks as we return making sure all the children settle into their classes. I believe children should feel welcome, inspired, safe and supported when they are learning. Students will achieve best if they are clear about what is expected of them and the steps they need to get there.

Potterspurty Lodge School is a good school that we believe can be developed even further. It is the aim of the whole school team to help each child become a successful learner and a well-rounded individual who is ready to make the next steps into whatever future pathways they wish to pursue. I am keen to hear from parents and carers, to give you the opportunity to say hello and ask any questions you may have. I will communicate out again at the start of the new school year as to how best to contact the team.

Sincerely,



Mr. James Amps
Headteacher