Hart Memorial Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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I hope your child has quickly settled back into school life after the Christmas break and is ready for the new term.

As a new Principal to the school, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all as I take up this role.

Back at the beginning of September, I was appointed by the Board of Governors as Principal. Prior to moving to the Hart, I was Principal in Orritor Primary School, Cookstown. As you know, a new Principal brings a range of feelings to staff, parents and pupils. A new principal can bring challenges for a school community; it can be a time of apprehension for all, but it can also bring many benefits as someone new can bring fresh thoughts, ideas and vision for a school.

As Principal of the Hart, I want to assure you of my dedication to pupils, staff, parents and the local community alike. I hope that as I settle into 'Hart' life, you will take the opportunity to introduce yourself and have a 'chat' with me. As time goes on, I hope to take time to survey you, as parents, to get your views on what the Hart is like.

For now, my priority is getting to know the pupils and the staff of this school. You will see me out and about meeting and greeting as many pupils as I can and helping them ease into life with a new adult in school. As part of the Child Protection and Safeguarding Team it is my intention to ensure that pupils quickly feel comfortable and safe in my care. Please bear with me over the incoming weeks and months as I find my feet and settle into a different way of doing things.

Finally, I want to pay thanks to Miss Shipley for her assistance with a 'handover;' her support has been invaluable, and I wish her well in this next stage of life.

Happy new year to you all!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Andrew Frizzell Principal



Principal:

Vice Principal: Mrs S White