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Dear parents and carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Newton House Leader. I am fully aware that I have rather large shoes to fill in taking over the reins from Mrs Ball. However, I am extremely excited to get to know and work alongside your children, who have already started to make me feel very welcome at St Edward's. Many pupils have already spoken to me about their activities in and outside of school, which are clearly supported by parents and carers.

With two boys of my own, I am very much a 'football mum' with my weekends usually either on the side-lines of a cold and windy Staffordshire football pitch or at the equally cold and windy Bet365 stadium supporting Stoke City. To relax, I enjoy countryside walks and going to the gym whenever possible.

I am truly passionate about the education and welfare of children. I recognise the importance of a rounded education, which is most effective when pupils, parents/carers and the staff in the Academy work closely together. I have a wealth of experience in working with children and young people in primary, secondary and even college settings. I am really looking forward to using my experience and expertise to help the children of St Edward's Church of England Academy.

I do hope to meet you in the forthcoming weeks, however, if you have any concerns or wish to contact me in the meantime please do not hesitate to do so.

With warmest regards,

Mrs Heather Matthews  
Newton House Leader

