



## Introducing the IKB Headteacher...

Dear Parents

I am delighted to be writing to you as the newly appointed Headteacher for IKB and the Executive Primary Headteacher for The Castle Partnership Trust. I am absolutely thrilled to be appointed to such a privileged position and I am thoroughly looking forward to serving the IKB community and delivering learning opportunities of the highest standard within a brand new, state of the art setting where all children will be safe, happy and thrive.

What you can expect from your new school is a rich experiential curriculum built upon the foundations of knowledge, skills and discovery. This will enthuse, engage and inspire children.

I am so excited to begin working with our first cohort of children in September 2020 who over the years will be the pioneers for everything that goes on at IKB and who will be the role models for the children who join after them. For me, a school should be the hub of a community and I am looking forward to ensuring that IKB becomes exactly this for our area of Wellington.

My background in education has come in Bristol where I have worked across three schools, beginning my career as a class teacher, up until most recently as Headteacher of Perry Court E-ACT Academy for the past three years. In my role at Perry Court my team and I have taken the school from the lowest performing primary school in Bristol in 2017 to the highest performing primary school in the city in 2020 and the school was even nominated for the prestigious 2019 TES Primary School of the Year award along the way. It is my aim to translate these experiences and successes to my new role at IKB and to ensure that we provide outstanding opportunities for learning and personal, social and emotional development. Therefore, we are not only readying our children for the next stage of their educational journey, but also ensuring they become local, national and global citizens who will go on to positively contribute to the communities and the world that they are a part of.

Outside of IKB I am a keen sports fan, both through participation and as a spectator. I love to explore the outdoors and I am really keen for the children I influence to do the same. Learning doesn't just happen in the classroom and I truly believe in lifelong learning. I love to cook (if not always that successfully) and reading is really important to me. Instilling a love of reading within young people is a passion of mine as the benefits



throughout life are so vast. I am very much looking forward to involving myself in the Wellington community and getting involved with events that are going on so please come and say hello if you see me.

I officially begin my role on 20th April although plenty of preparation is going on behind the scenes with myself, my team and The Castle Partnership Trust. We will continue to keep you up-to-date with everything as we move forwards. Being part of The Castle Partnership Trust is really exciting. There is huge potential for collaboration with Wellesley Park, our other primary school and our two secondary schools, Court Fields and The Castle. I am looking forward to working with the other headteachers, school staff teams and with the CEO of the trust, Sarah Watson, to ensure that IKB hits the ground running upon opening and continues to grow from strength to strength over the coming months and years.

I look forward to meeting and catching up with you all soon,

Mr Richard Healey

## MEET THE HEADTEACHER

You are invited to come along and meet Mr Healey and hear more about his vision for the school. We are holding 2 events on Thursday 26 March at 9.30am - 10.30am and again at 6pm – 7pm. Please register a place using the links below:

### Thursday 26 March 9.30am

Wellington Baptist Church Hall, South Street,  
Wellington

<https://meettheheadteachermorning.eventbrite.co.uk>

### Thursday 26 March 6.00pm

Wellington Baptist Church Hall, South Street,  
Wellington

<https://meettheheadteacherevening.eventbrite.co.uk>

## In other news...

### Still on track!

Despite what seems like months of rain, soggy builders and quite a lot of mud the building contractors are still set to hand over the school to us in August ready for opening in September. The actual building is coming together nicely in York with colour going on the walls, windows being installed, as well as all those other integral parts that make a building come together.

We have been having fun choosing colours of furniture, shelving, library bean bags plus much more. We are aiming to create an inspiring and colourful environment for lots of learning, playing and making friends.

Follow us on Facebook for more regular updates on the site progress.

### Current to do list...

- Finalise the school uniform ordering system with local company Workwear Online Ltd.
- Teacher and staff recruitment – all positions will be advertised on the school website
- Set up pupil lunch ordering system
- Finalise the school wrap around provision