

Dear Parents/ Carers

I am delighted to introduce to you the new Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher at Bishop Bridgeman from September 1st 2024. I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you for your continued support for our school and the staff this term while the recruitement processes have been carried out. Mr M. Lonsdale will take up the position of Headteacher and Mr B. McKean will take up the position of Deputy Headteacher. Mr Lonsdale and Mr McKean will be in school tomorrow Tuesday 21st May and will be on the yard before school, so please take the opportunity to say hello!

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CEO

A letter from Mr Lonsdale

A person in a suit

Description automatically generatedDear Parent/Carers

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Bishop Bridgeman CE Primary school. I am extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to develop this fantastic school on the next stage of its journey. I am a parent of three children, two boys and a girl. As a parent, my goal is to ensure my children are happy in life and reach their full potential. This is the philosophy I will bring to the role as Headteacher of Bishop Bridgeman. My goal is to ensure all children who attend the school are happy and provided with all the necessary opportunities to be the best they can be socially and academically.

I have worked in education for 20 years in both Bury and Oldham and have recently moved to Bolton. I have been the Headteacher of two successful schools over the past 9 years. I feel this has given me the knowledge needed to take Bishop Bridgeman forward. During my visits to the school, it was clear we have a hugely talented team and wonderful children. I look forward to working with you all.

The needs of our children are always paramount to the life and decision making of a school. I strongly believe in providing children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. It is crucial our children and families are partners in their education. I am keen to build a community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents is in order for children to find school a rewarding and positive experience. As key educator in your children’s lives, it is important you feel part of the children’s educational journey.

I will be visiting the school and will be outside on the playground over the next few weeks. Please introduce yourselves. I look forward to meeting you all and starting this journey together.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Lonsdale

Headteacher

A person wearing a tie and glasses

Description automatically generatedA Letter from Mr McKean

I am very much looking forward to joining the Bishop Bridgeman family in September this year. Myself, I am a father to 2 boys: one who is currently in Year 4 and another who is in his second year of high school and we love to spend the weekend walking our family dog through parks and going swimming at the local pool. I have worked as part of Archbishop Temple Trust since the Trust itself was founded. My very first teaching role was at St. James CE Primary School in Farnworth where I began my teaching journey as an ECT in 2013 and have moved schools within our Trust since then. I have predominantly taught KS2 children for the years since I qualified, but I have supported many other colleagues and classes across school, from Nursery to Year 6 in my subject leader roles.

My most recent post is at another school in our Trust: St. Maxentius CE Primary School where I am Deputy Headteacher, SENCo and one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads. In my role as SENCo, which I have done for a number of years now, I have worked with our whole-school team to ensure an inclusive approach to everything we do, in every class. Over recent years, I have been a Year 6 class teacher also, meaning I am confident in supporting children achieve academic excellence and know the importance of understanding each child as an individual to ensure they progress and attain well, overcoming any barriers or misconceptions they have. I moved here in January 2021 and have supported our current Headteacher and team through our Ofsted inspection in January 2023 and our most recent SIAMS inspection in May 2024.

I am very much looking forward to joining the family at Bishop Bridgeman CE Primary School and supporting the parents and children on their journey through school. I pride myself on having an open-door policy so that parents and carers can come and speak to me whenever they need to, for any reason. Through our shared vision of ‘Love God, Love your neighbour, Love yourself’, we will strive for excellence and work together to ensure your child receives the best, first-quality teaching and support so they achieve their best possible outcomes. As I am already a member of Archbishop Temple Trust, I am confident that there will be a seamless transition as I know the existing leadership and staff well, therefore, sufficient time will be planned over the summer term to ensure I know as much about the children at Bishop Bridgeman before I start in September.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McKean

Deputy Headteacher