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Dear Shacklewell Families,

Re: Welcome Back

It was such a joyful occasion last week when we opened the school gates and welcomed our children back to a new school year. The children have been full of exciting tales from their summer break, gleefully catching up their friends and making a fantastic start in their new classrooms. It has also been very special to welcome the new families to our school community and I know they will be made to feel very welcomed by our wonderful parent community.

At Shacklewell our daily work is underpinned by our vision- '**Excellence for All**'. We work tirelessly to achieve the very best for children, teachers and members of the school community. Our very high expectations at Shacklewell allow children to feel confident and achieve ahead of their peers locally and nationally. This year we are developing the children's sense of pride in their own achievements- big or small. We want them to see their value in our school community and as such their possible role in our wider society.

I continue to reflect on our fantastic parent and family community and the support you offer the school. The bright and colourful new entrance is an example of how parental involvement can make real improvements in our school's environment. I know that *Shacklewell Families* are looking forward to seeing you all later today at the Second Hand Uniform and Bake sale- a perfect opportunity for the school community to come together.

We have worked hard to ensure that all key information including class timetables, curriculum content, homework projects, school policies, club information, term dates, news and much more can all be found on our school website- <https://www.shacklewell.hackney.sch.uk/> If you can't find the information you need on the website, then please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

As a reminder you must send your child to school in full uniform every day. This includes making sure that they have plain black shoes to wear. Our school's uniform policy can be found on our website [here](#) and school uniform can be purchased [here](#).

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Meet the Teacher events next week- please check the website for the different year groups' times and dates. In the meantime, if you have any questions please speak to the class teachers or ask to speak to any member of the leadership team.

Your sincerely

Rory McGrath
Headteacher

Meet the Team - 2023 - 2024

Nicole Reid - Executive Headteacher



As we enter another school year I am very proud to be leading New Wave Federation. Shacklewell has a very special place in my heart and I love seeing the children thrive in this wonderful school. This year we will continue to deliver our vision - 'Excellence for All' through our focus on reading and the engaging wider curriculum.

Rory McGrath - Headteacher



I am so pleased to be welcoming another year at Shacklewell. It is a special place to work because everyone here is passionate about improving the lives of our children. The school also benefits hugely from the supportive parent community and I look forward to working with you all again this year.

Cassey Williams- Deputy Headteacher



I know many of you have spotted my growing baby bump but I am pleased to say I will be here for the majority of the autumn term in my role as deputy. Whilst I am handing over SENCO responsibilities to Ms Drake, I am still always available to meet with families.

Jonathon Omisore - Assistant Headteacher



This year I am combining the role of maths lead at Shacklewell with leading on reading in key stage two. I know I'm going to love this new role and I'm relishing the challenge. I will also oversee trips and enrichment for all our pupils. If there's anything you need to know or need support with, I'm always here to help.

Megan Townend - Assistant Headteacher



I am really looking forward to continuing as science lead this year, as well as heading up the English team. I have a real passion for ensuring that all children at Shacklewell leave as confident, able readers and writers. Please come and chat to me about any of your concerns or comments.

Colleen Drake - Assistant Headteacher



It is such a pleasure to be back at Shacklewell and I am very excited for a fun and busy year ahead. I am leading on Inclusion and SEND, pupil safety and wellbeing and pupil advocacy groups. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you want to discuss any of these important areas of school life.