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Hello! My name is Mrs Sweeten and I am the headteacher at Longfield Academy. I just wanted to write to you personally to let you know that I am really looking forward to being able to welcome you to Longfield.

I know that this may be a time of mixed feelings. You may be feeling excited, worried or confused, so I wanted to let you know that myself and all the teachers at Longfield Academy are thinking about you and looking forward to being able to meet you in person at the induction evening in June 2023.

Some of you may already know that I joined Longfield Academy as headteacher last year. In fact, having started just after Easter last year, it's coming up to my one-year Longfield anniversary. Some of you may have met me at your primary school, or at the Year 5 & 6 activity days we held last year. But if not, please don't worry, I will meet most of you on the induction evening in June and on the transition days on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June 2023.

However, if we don't manage to meet, here are some facts about me!

I have been a headteacher in four other schools. In Ripon, North Yorkshire which I managed to make into an outstanding school, a school in Redcar and Cleveland, that became the highest achieving school in Redcar, one in Ormesby in Middlesbrough and one in North Durham. I love my job and particularly like to spend time talking to students. I am very rarely in my office, and you will see me around the academy all the time.

My favourite subject is art. I am an art teacher, but unfortunately, I don't get the privilege of teaching very often. My favourite books to read have stories that have unusual twist and turns. My favourite teenage author is Patrick Ness. If you like a bit of sci-fi, check out his Chaos Walking trilogy which was made into a film in 2021 (but read the books first!).

I have two children. Mia who is almost at the end of Year 14 and Finlay who will be starting Year 13 in September. I have two cats and some fish in a pond.

Anyway, that's just a little bit about me and I would love to get to know you. So, I am inviting you to send me a short letter via email, telling me a little bit about you! You can put anything you would like in the letter. Maybe you want me to know your hobbies, what you might be worried about, or maybe you'd like to know what the food is like at Longfield ... anything at all! Email your letters to Mrs Sweeten at: Y7-2023@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

I look forward to hearing from you soon and hopefully meeting you in person in the not so distance future.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sweeten - Headteacher

