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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am delighted to be appointed as Head Teacher of Spring Common Academy starting in January 2024. I am very much looking forward to working with you to support your child in the best way possible. I believe that good communication is a key element in a special school, and I have an 'open door' policy. Input and feedback from stakeholders including parents and carers is key in maintaining and moving the school forward. 'Pupil voice' in all its forms including signing, eye-pointing, using symbols, advocacy and words, is an important part of this.

My vision is that every pupil achieves their potential and is well-prepared for life beyond school as happy, healthy, active, and fulfilled citizens. This fits well with Spring Common's ethos and Horizon Education Trust's vision for pupils.

I visited Spring Common Academy in October and was immediately struck by the strong sense of community and warm relationships between staff and pupils. It is a vibrant school community which I am very privileged to be leading. My priority as a Head Teacher is to get to know the school community, evaluate where the school currently is in key areas and plan next steps.

I have recent senior leadership experience in a similar special school catering for pupils and students age 3-19 years with PMLD, severe learning disabilities and Autism in Surrey. A highlight in my career was introducing the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and enabling students across all SEN needs achieve their Bronze and Silver D of E Awards. The scheme was then successfully taken up by other special schools across the county.

I was born in Cambridge and have family links there. I am thrilled to relocate to the area and re-establish my roots in Cambridgeshire. I am a parent of two grown up sons.

I have visited the school a number of times in November to meet pupils and have some December dates planned. The school will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 12^{th} January 9:30-11am and I will look forward to meeting you then if you are able to join us. I will also be available at drop off and collection times at the front of the school 4^{th} - 10^{th} January, so please do come and say hello. I have made a short video to introduce myself to pupils as well as visiting them in classes.

Kindest regards,

Rebecca Greig

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