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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well.

As always, we are doing our best to communicate with you during this difficult time. At the beginning of term, we shared Miss Anatola's good news with parents and we are now in a position to update you with news about the appointment of a maternity cover for Head of School at Holt Road.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Nicola Owen will be joining our team to lead the Holt Road site in Miss Anatola's absence. Miss Owen is very excited to be taking on this role. In normal circumstances we would have held a meeting with parents to welcome her to the school, unfortunately this is not possible at the moment. Miss Owen is keen to introduce herself to you all and has written a short piece to say 'Hello'.

Hello Horsford!

I am thrilled to introduce myself, Miss Nicola Owen, and am looking forward joining your school community in September. I originally arrived in North Norfolk with my parents in 1987 as a teenager and then later I began my teaching career in Hertfordshire. I then taught overseas for a few years before returning to Norfolk and settling in Norwich in 2006. I have been teaching in and around the city ever since.

I am passionate about the education of children and their development as 'whole people'. It is a new era in education and it is important to acknowledge this and ensure we continue to support both children's academic development and their emotional well-being.

When I am not teaching, or in lockdown, you will find me somewhere on the Norfolk coast enjoying any windy weather as a kite surfer, exercising at the gym or relishing the great outdoors. I am also an adventurous traveller and keen cook.

A chilly visit to the island of Iceland!

I look forward to meeting and working in partnership with you all, to continue to ensure your child receives the best possible education and care at Horsford.

We are very much looking forward to introducing Miss Owen to staff and parents in person as soon as it is safe for us to do so. Miss Anatola will be taking maternity leave at the end of June. Please feel free to contact us via the office email address office@horsford.norfolk.sch.uk should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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Miss Anatola and Mrs Kirton