

Dear 7P

Hello, my name is Mr Prendergast and I will be the Form Tutor for 7P (Pilsdon) when you join us at Beaminster School.

I hope you are excited and looking forward to starting your first year with us on Monday 7th September. I imagine you are feeling a little nervous too. Hopefully, we will settle in as quickly as we normally do and your new school year will bring you lots of new experiences and lots of new learning. You will soon become familiar with your new surroundings and feel a part of things.

As you prepare to start your first year at Beaminster, I am preparing to start my fourth. I have taught in several schools during a teaching career of more than twenty-five years, mainly as a teacher of English.

My role here at Beaminster is as a Literacy Support Teacher. That means I work with pupils in small groups, sometimes on their own, to help build their confidence in reading, spelling and writing. So, who knows, I might even work with some of you this year.

Away from school, I have several interests. I enjoy watching most sports. The only sport I play at the moment is golf. I also enjoy reading and I am trying to read more regularly and more often. During lockdown, my wife and I have enjoyed some long walks together so we are hoping to make walking more of a hobby for both of us too.

I cannot sign off without mentioning the very strange time we have all experienced during the last few months. I know the end of your time at primary school was disrupted and you were prevented from experiencing some of the end of Year 6 celebrations you were no doubt looking forward to. Hopefully, you are now fully focused on starting a new and exciting chapter of your life and I am really pleased to be able to play a small part in helping you along the way.

Finally, I will end with an explanation. The photo I have sent is one of the most recent ones I have had taken. In it, I am sporting my "Lockdown Beard" - I think I will still have when we return to school.

So, that is about all I have to say at the moment. Until we meet via video and then in person in September; have a wonderful summer and come back to school safe, full of energy and ready to "get stuck in".

If you would like to contact me before September you are very welcome to, my school email address is pprendergast@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

Take care and stay safe.

Best regards,

Mr Prendergast

