



Catshill Middle School

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Headteacher's Welcome Letter

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

It is a real pleasure to welcome you all to the start of the 2025-2026 school year at our Federation of Catshill First School and Catshill Middle School. Whether you are returning to us after the summer or joining for the very first time, I hope you had an enjoyable holiday and are ready for the exciting opportunities this new year will bring.

I would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and families at the First School, and to our new year 5 pupils at the Middle School. These are important milestones in your educational journeys, and our staff are committed to ensuring that your transition into school life is happy, supportive, and inspiring.

We also welcome several new colleagues to Catshill Middle School this year: Miss Accison, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Underhill, Miss Williams and Miss Wyton are all members of the teaching staff and Mr Hawkins has joined the pastoral team. Each brings valuable experience and enthusiasm, and I am confident they will make a significant contribution to our school. At Catshill First School we welcome back Miss Wall, who has returned from maternity leave.

I am delighted to share that our pupils achieved strong outcomes in summer assessments. At Catshill First School Early Years Foundation Stage 63% pupils reached a Good Level of Development. In year 1 phonics 83% pupils reached the expected standard- this is above the National average. In Key Stage 1 our assessments were at or above National average in all areas. Our year 4 multiplication check results were also above National with 68% of pupils scoring 21-25. All these results reflected the children's hard work and the dedication of our staff, with many pupils making excellent progress.

At Catshill Middle School, pupils achieved impressive outcomes in Key Stage 2 SATs with particular strengths in English. These results are a credit to the commitment of pupils, families, and staff alike.

Looking ahead to 2025-2026, we have identified several key areas for development across our federation:

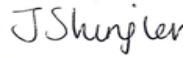
- Maintaining results above national averages and raising attainment in maths at Catshill Middle School
- Ensuring academic challenge across the federation
- Developing the curriculum ensuring the children all enjoy their learning
- Enhancing enrichment opportunities - including clubs, trips, and outdoor learning - ensuring that all pupils can access these
- Continuing to prioritise attendance, wellbeing and inclusion, ensuring that every child feels safe, valued, and able to thrive
- Strengthening parental partnership with the school to enhance pupil achievement and wellbeing

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Catshill Federation – a nurturing community that challenges all to succeed.

By focusing on these priorities, we will continue to build on our successes and provide the very best education for all of our pupils.

Finally, I would like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support. The partnership between home and school is vital, and by working together we can make this a truly successful year for every child.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Shingler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Miss J Shingler
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