



Dear pupils, dear parents and dear members of the school community,

Since the first of November, I am the new Director of the European School Luxembourg II, Mamer. It is a great honour for me to be a member of this school community in the role of Director. The system is not unknown to me because I was a teacher in the European school of Mol (Belgium) from 2000 until 2009. My time in Mol was fantastic: working in a European environment with a lot of colleagues from different countries, working together with all the cultural differences. Now I am back in the world of the European school right in the heart of Europe, Luxembourg.

I have had the experience that the European school plays an important role in the life of our children, many pupils come from abroad and for me it is clear that all these children have to have a place where they can feel safe and happy.

As most of you already know, I come from Holland. I was born not far from Maastricht and after my secondary schooling I went to Amsterdam to follow my studies at university. I studied Latin, medieval Latin, ancient Greek, ancient history and philosophy. I started as a teacher in Amsterdam, Zaandam and Almere. In 2000 I got the opportunity to become a teacher in Mol. I went with my family (wife and at that time two little children) to Mol. In 2009 I moved back to Holland because I was appointed as Director of a prestigious secondary school in the city of Groningen (northern part of Holland). In the meantime, I was also Interim-Director in two other schools in Groningen for a short time.

Even though now I am a Director I have to confess that I am still missing teaching. This is for me one of the most important jobs in the world, as teachers we have a huge responsibility and I think I do have not to explain why. As Director in Groningen I still was a teacher in a Latin or Greek class. I know that it is impossible here. Nevertheless, I hope to have contact with pupils too.

In a school there is always a lot to do and I am looking forward to working together with all the participants in the school. Staff, pupils and parents: together we make the school.

Sincerely yours,



Maurice van Daal