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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family managed to have a break over the Christmas holidays, and we are delighted to be welcoming pupils back this week albeit with some students working from home this week.

As you know, Clive Zimmerman, our Founding Principal, is stepping down and retiring. Clive has set a tone of excellence at the Trust and I am sure you will want to join me in thanking him for all of his work and commitment over the years. We wish him well for a long and happy retirement.

On behalf of the Board, I am delighted to say that we have found an exceptional successor in Benedick Ashmore-Short who joins us as our new Chief Executive as of this week.

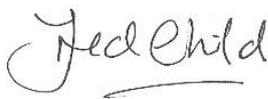
Mr Ashmore-Short joins our family from Astrea Academy Trust, where he was previously Interim Chief Executive. Prior to this, he was Executive Director of Education for four years and oversaw the rapid turnaround and improvement of a number of schools in South Yorkshire and Cambridgeshire.

He joins us with a deep understanding of primary and secondary education leadership at executive level; coupled with his drive and enthusiasm we feel he will fulfil the Board's strategic educational expectations and growth objectives.

We are all looking forward to working with Mr Ashmore-Short, and I'm sure he will want to be in touch very soon to set out our plans for the coming period and to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the academy.

Yours sincerely,



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