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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Head of School at Outwood Academy Hasland Hall. By working closely with Mr Roberts as Lead Principal I will ensure that Hasland Hall is a safe, secure environment and one where the very highest standards will be attained.

Putting '*students first*' underpins the work of the Outwood Grange Academy Trust family of schools where the focus is firmly on raising standards and transforming lives. 'Life chances' is a term we use across the trust when we refer to qualifications. It is with these 'life chances' that children are able to pursue their dreams and aspirations. I have worked for the Trust for 10 years and in my role as Executive Director of Science and Regional Vice Principal I have worked across all of the 23 secondary schools in the family. I have seen at first hand the successes in these schools and worked with colleagues to introduce the wide range of systems and procedures which have brought about such positive change.

Change cannot be achieved in isolation. There is a wider community contributing to the growth and development of a school and it is critical that all should feel involved. I believe that all members of the school community should show respect for one another and should work to earn respect. I have high expectations of students, both in terms of attitude for learning and in behaviour. Since September I have begun to introduce Outwood systems and procedures at Hasland Hall. The response of both students and staff have been hugely positive and I have very much valued the support and feedback I have received from parents and carers. If a child is to reach their true potential the partnership between school and home is critical. I am very much looking forward to meeting you and to building these strong and supportive relationships. We still have challenges to face in the current climate but as life begins to return to the 'new normal' I will provide a range of opportunities for you to come into school to meet me and other staff when you can ask any questions you may have.

In what can only be described as a turbulent year, I would like to give my thanks to Mr Edmonds and acknowledge his tireless work as Acting Headteacher. Mr Edmonds has been instrumental in ensuring the students and staff safety were paramount as well as supporting us through the academy transition.

Hasland Hall is a school which in the past has seen successes and achievements of which the community can be justly proud. The students, staff and community of Hasland Hall deserve the best and under my leadership will achieve this. I have seen the huge potential in our students and it will be a privilege to provide access to an outstanding education and unleash this potential.

As we prepare for wider reopening, can I thank you for the role you have played in ensuring our students have adapted to online learning and continued to engage with their studies. We are very much looking forward to their return.

I look forward to meeting you in due course.

Yours sincerely



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