

January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

I am delighted to have joined Netherwood Academy as Principal at the start of this term. I would like to introduce myself to you and share my early reflections on our Academy.

I have been a Principal since 2008 and I have worked in two schools in challenging circumstances to ensure they become good schools on the journey to outstanding. Since visiting Netherwood Academy for the first time in June 2017, I have believed this is a wonderful school which has the potential of being truly outstanding and being at the heart of its community. This is the reason I applied for this role and I am passionate about ensuring our children succeed and achieve the very best they can. I believe it is our responsibility to help and support all of our children to become successful members of society who enjoy life, add to the community and develop as individuals.

The commitment, loyalty and passion I have seen from many staff over the last few weeks is really encouraging. I have met many students and I love their honesty and friendliness. All have made me feel really welcome and I know we have the right ingredients to build a great Academy.

Although I have worked previously in Buckinghamshire, I am actually from West Yorkshire. I feel both privileged and excited by the prospect of developing the Netherwood Academy and I know we will become a centre of excellence which meets the needs of all students. Returning to Yorkshire is a huge personal challenge, however, I believe this is a fantastic opportunity to work here.

I know how much change has happened at Netherwood and I do understand how incredibly de-stabilising that can be for students, parents/carers and staff. I want to share with you that we have developed plans for the next phase at Netherwood which will ensure that we all work together to build the Academy of the future.

In light of this I would like to invite you to join us in reviewing our values and vision at Netherwood Academy. I want us to share all of our thoughts and ideas together so that we can build a vision for the future and ensure we succeed together as a community.

Please feel free to join one of the sessions listed below. I really would like to meet as many of you as possible so that we can start working together. We will hold sessions on;

- Monday 5 February 2018 at 9.30-10.30am
- Wednesday 7 February 2018 at 6.00-7.00pm
- Thursday 8 February 2018 at 1.30-2.30pm

I look forward to meeting you and planning the future of Netherwood Academy for our children.

Yours faithfully



Miss A Wells
Principal