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Dear parents/carers

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Principal of Akroydon Primary Academy from September 2020. I am delighted to be joining you, albeit in unusual times, and I thought a short letter of introduction would be welcomed by you and your children.

I am a practitioner with 29 years' experience, a number of them spent in headship within the north Halifax community, and so I fully understand the challenges that our young people (your children) face in today's world.

First and foremost, in line with the Trinity Trust ethos of education, I believe that the children always come first. Everything we do as a school, in partnership with you, as your child's first educator, will be with their mental wellbeing and academic progress in mind.

I am genuinely excited to build upon the impressive improvements already made at Akroydon over the previous couple of years, by helping our stakeholders (pupils, parents and staff), take the next steps in our journey to 'outstanding'. The Trust's four core values – **Empathy, Honesty, Respect** and **Responsibility** – will of course continue to permeate through our day-to-day interactions, and we will further promote positive, healthy life choices.

I do look forward to the new academic year; we are currently planning to open fully to all pupils and, over the course of time, I am sure I will meet you all (and hopefully in slightly less challenging times).

I hope you and your families enjoy a relaxing and healthy summer break

Yours sincerely



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