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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Principal at Huntcliff School. I am thrilled to be joining such a dedicated staff and community.

Allow me to share a bit about myself. I bring over 20 years of experience in education, with a strong passion for transforming schools and creating a safe place for students to learn and grow.

My educational journey includes a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Biological Science from the University of Salford and a National Award for SENCOs from the University of Middlesex. I have worked in various educational roles, including Head of Science, SENCO, Designated Safeguarding Lead and, most recently, Vice Principal at Outwood Academy Foxhills. These roles have provided me with valuable insights into the diverse needs of students, parents and educators. I am experienced in leading an academy on a journey from inadequate to outstanding.

My goal is to build upon the work that is moving the Academy to one with a culture of excellence and achievement. I will also work collaboratively with staff to provide enriching educational experiences for all students. I believe in fostering a positive and inclusive school culture where success is celebrated. Students enter school and commence their journey towards adulthood, and it is my responsibility to ensure all students are supported to become the best version of themselves that they can be.

I firmly believe that open communication and collaboration between school and home is essential to student success. I encourage all parents and carers to actively engage in their child's education and participate fully in the school community.

There will be changes made which are essential to ensure that your child receives the best education possible and is supported to achieve. You can expect regular updates on important changes and events which will allow you to have an open dialogue with the school. I encourage you to attend school activities and functions, as your involvement is vital to the success of our students.

I have a vision for Huntcliff School to become the one of choice for the local community; an educational establishment all stakeholders are proud to be part of; and a place where students thrive, succeed, feel safe and have the determination to be the best they can be.





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I am excited to embark on this journey with you and look forward to getting to know each one of our students and their families.

To that end, I am holding 'Nibbles and Natter' events to further introduce myself to parents/carers.

These will be held in the school hall on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, between 4pm and 6pm and on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, between 5.30pm and 7pm. There is no need to book, just pop in between these times for an informal chat.

If you can't make either, please feel free to reach out to me at the school if you have any questions, concerns or simply want to introduce yourself.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Emma Ricketts Principal

