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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I wish to formally introduce myself to you all as I embark on the first days in my role as Principal here at Albion Academy.

In the weeks ahead I shall be speaking to every child via a virtual assembly and introducing myself and my expectations. In short I believe that education sets a young person free to experience the life that they choose, not one imposed upon them by society. I am constantly reminded in my role that whilst textbooks, computers, clean classrooms and modern sports halls are all wonderful features of a great school, they matter little compared to the support that we, as parents and carers, can give to our students.

Ensuring that they attend school regularly even in these most challenging times under Covid-19, fully equipped, ready for the day ahead there is no doubt that the most successful children are those who live and grow in safe, reassuring, confidence building and loving homes. The home as a place of happiness and security is the absolute foundation upon which any child's happiness and success is built. This is something that both myself and my wife Sarah try to instil in our child Liam who from September will be going into Year 8 at our local comprehensive school in Oldham when things return to some normality, I hope.

From time to time we all need a helping hand when our family is in trouble or is going through a tough time. That is why I shall continue to uphold and strengthen The Albion's long standing commitment to close partnerships with families, parents and carers. In the end we are all here for the same thing; to help create a new generation of happy, confident and successful people. By working together to ensure we meet this goal is important for the future of this school.

Like your children, I also attended a comprehensive school as they were then known on the outskirts of Greater Manchester. I studied Sociology at Salford University, before completing my teaching qualification at Manchester Metropolitan University. I have taught in very challenging schools throughout my career and have led several schools helping them make significant improvements in all areas. It is with this experience of school improvement that I feel confident in leading the school your child attends to a bright and prosperous future. As an example, whilst Headteacher of Gateacre School together we won numerous

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local, regional and national awards in recognition of the wonderful achievements from pupils and staff.

Over the coming weeks and months I sincerely hope to meet as many of you as I can whether that is virtually or in person, I will therefore be arranging opportunities to facilitate this offer and hope that through a strong school and home partnership we can work together in supporting you child to be the very best that they can be.

Kind regards,

Mr J Roberts
Principal

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