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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you have enjoyed a restful Christmas break with your families.

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Principal of Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy and am looking forward to working with you all more closely over the coming weeks and months. As many of you will know, I have a very long-standing relationship with the academy and its community, having worked in a range of roles, including as Deputy Headteacher, Head of School and, more recently, Vice Principal of the Primary Academy.

As we start the new term, I wanted to take the opportunity to share some updates with you.

New Senior Leadership Team

I am very pleased to introduce the new Senior Leadership Team at the academy. Mr. Phil Reid, as many of you will already know, is our new Vice Principal. Mr. Michael Walsh and Mrs. Stephanie Barnes have now also taken up their positions as Assistant Principals. Both bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to their new roles. Initially, Mr. Walsh's main focus will be to develop community partnerships and forge even closer links between home and school, meanwhile Mrs. Barnes will focus on further developing the breadth and depth of our curriculum to ensure that it is as rich and aspirational as possible for the children.

As a Senior Leadership Team, we share the same strong vision for our academy and a commitment to working collaboratively to achieve our mission of delivering excellence for all our pupils. As a team, we will also be very visible around the academy, and I would warmly encourage you to come and say hello or to have a chat with any of us if there is anything that you would like to discuss.

Increased Parent and Carer Collaboration

I am very keen to support you to be able to play an active role in your child's education and in the life of the academy and will be contacting you over the coming weeks regarding our plans to ensure we are working together to strengthen home/school links further.

Yesterday, I met with all colleagues to reaffirm the academy's vision and values and I have attached a copy to this letter as I believe that it is essential that we are all very clear about what we are striving for the children to achieve by the time that they leave Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy. You will see that we are committed to achieving the highest academic standards in all aspects of academy life whilst also placing a significant value upon the development of the whole child to prepare them to lead fulfilling and successful lives in the future.

Launch of Enhanced Personal Development Curriculum

Linked to this, today has seen the launch of our new Personal Development Curriculum which we have been working on for some time. This sits alongside our existing PSHE and Mental Health provision and serves to help to equip our young people with some of the life skills that they will need, both to access the wider curriculum and also as they move into the next phase of their lives. This covers important areas such as communication skills, the ability to work successfully with others, identifying and understanding their own feelings and those of others, developing resilience, problem solving skills and understanding their place in the world. This term, we will be focusing upon developing children's communication skills so please do talk to the children about what they have been doing. The children will revisit each of the areas on an annual cycle.

The Future of the Academy.

Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy is a thriving and successful school, and it is important to me that we recognise and hold on to all that is already good, maintaining our excellent standards whilst continuing to build our provision further.

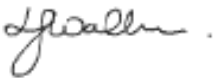
This message has been reiterated with the children today, alongside our excitement as a new Senior Leadership Team, to take advantage of every opportunity to continue on this upward trajectory.

I also look forward to developing the academy site further to create the best possible learning and recreational facilities for children and further information will be forthcoming.

We have an exceptional team of experienced and dedicated colleagues here at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy and I do not doubt that, with your continued support, the academy will continue to go from strength to strength.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support – it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Louise Watkins
Principal
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