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Dear Parent/Carer,

At last we have got to the point where schools are open to students and I can tell you that the team here at Outwood Academy Newbold is really excited.

As you will have seen from the bulletin on the website we have worked hard behind the scenes to get the academy ready. We hope the information you have received helps you to help us by ensuring students are well prepared and equipped for the new school year. Whilst there are many changes the standards and expectations, we hold dear and set high remain the same. You could argue the need for students to be fully engaged and on board is more important than ever before.

Amongst the many changes made to make the academy as “COVID secure” as we can there are some staffing changes as we welcome new colleagues to our amazing team. One colleague is our new **Head of School, Mr Rob Southern**. Mr Southern is joining us from one of our academies in the capacity of Head of School because we have been asked to support another locally based school in its transformation. As such my role has changed slightly to Lead principal and whilst I will still be accountable and have strategic oversight of both academies, much of the day to day operation will be led by Mr Southern. My biggest challenge is to ensure both academies progress towards outstanding and I can't wait to get started.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mr Southern to Newbold. He has worked here previously as one of our subject directors and knows what a wonderful place this is. I will still be around and will look forward to walking corridors and spending time in lessons and there will be so much that Newbold has done that can help lead the way for our other school.

So as I close this letter I hope that you have had as best a summer as you can amongst the many challenges the pandemic has thrown at us and I look forward to some normalcy starting again. I am certain we will all work together to make these new adjustments become a seamless part of how we work so that we can do what we do best; teach students and enjoy seeing them flourish into wonderful confident young people.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Roberts
Lead Principal