

19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my great privilege and pleasure to have been appointed to the role of Principal of Outwood Academy Ormesby. I start in my new role straight after May Half Term.

It is clear that the school has been on a challenging journey over the last year or so, and I am grateful to the leadership of Mrs Trattles, our associate Executive Principal and Mrs James, our Regional Executive Principal, who have supported the school to move forward in recent months. We will continue to work closely to ensure the positive change that is underway in the school continues. I am also grateful to the whole staff team for their unstinting dedication and hard work over this challenging time.

I am excited to take my role as principal. First and foremost, I am committed to ensuring your child receives the very best education possible during their time at Ormesby, where they are motivated to attend well, behave well and to work hard in their studies and exams. I am seeking full commitment from every student, as we work together to build a really great and successful school.

Engagement with parents and families is very important to me. I encourage all parents to attend meetings to discuss your child's progress or behaviour. It is important that we ensure strong communication at all times. I am also keen to hear about what the school is doing well and what it needs to do to further improve. All feedback from you will be gratefully received.

Prior to joining Outwood Academy Ormesby, I have been in school leadership for the last twenty years. I have worked mostly in the North East and the South East of England, including a ten year spell as Principal of The King's Academy in Middlesbrough. I was also a Governor of Easterside Primary School for six years. I know the town well and I am

committed to Middlesbrough's young people getting the very best start in life, at primary school, at secondary school, and then at college or on apprenticeships thereafter.

I was brought up in Stockton and my family and I live in Darlington. I have two children of my own, a daughter aged 18 and a son aged 16. My son and I have made frequent visits to the Riverside Stadium over the years, enjoying the highs and lows of the Boro's journey up and down the league tables!

A football team, or any sports team, always strives for success - and the same is true of schools. I am highly ambitious for Outwood Academy Ormesby and all that can be achieved at the school. I have high standards, high expectations and great ambition for the students who attend school each day. Working together with families and with the whole staff team, I am confident that great success can and will be achieved.

I very much look forward to meeting with you and to working with you on the school's exciting journey ahead!

With my very best wishes to you and your family.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Drew