

To All Parents and Carers

15 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. I am delighted to support St Anne's Academy as the school transitions from one headteacher to another. I have been working with the Academy since September last year and in the capacity of the school improvement partner. I therefore know the school quite well already and I feel the warm and welcoming ethos and the genuine sense of community there is. I was also privileged to play a part in the recruitment process for the new Headteacher. This enabled me to meet the many children who were involved through a student panel. I was impressed with the children enormously. I found them to be proud of their school, polite, enthusiastic and genuinely interested in the future of their school under a new Headteacher.

I was the Headteacher at Sale High School in Trafford for 8 years and took it on when it was just out of special measures. With the support of a team, the school improved vastly and was judged by Ofsted as a good school with many outstanding features and very good outcomes. It is now oversubscribed and continues to improve. I believe all children deserve an excellent education and that high expectations of everyone is essential. I have high expectations of the students, staff and parents because together we can achieve wonderful things for your children.

As Interim Executive Headteacher I will be supporting the leadership team to maintain a strong focus on learning and working with governors and sponsors, as well as the new Principal to build on what is good, to ensure a positive start to the new academic year, ensure that external examinations are well supported and that all stakeholders are kept informed and consulted of progress and school events.

Mr Heyes, the new Headteacher, takes up his post in June and he will be in school each week to start planning with colleagues. He will write to you all once he takes up post. I know he is excited to be given the opportunity to lead the Academy and like me, he has strong moral values, high expectations and a determination that St Anne's Academy will continue to improve and become an outstanding educational establishment at the heart of the local community. The Academy is in safe hands.

I have had a busy first day, meeting a full range of colleagues and children and I already see a culture of ambition and enthusiasm. We are well placed to ensure your children enjoy their education at St Anne's Academy and achieve their goals. I look forward to meeting with you as parents and carers as we progress through the summer term.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Headteacher

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