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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Welcome letter from the new Principal

I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed as the new Principal for Medshamstede Academy, and I'm very keen to get to know all our students, parents, carers and staff. I was fortunate to have spent some time on site throughout July, getting to know the school site, routines and spending time with the senior and executive leadership teams.

I acknowledge that Medeshamstede Academy has recently been through a challenging period. I am looking forward to learning more about the school so that the changes we make in this new chapter are supported by the whole school community, providing the very best opportunities for all our students.

Throughout the Summer break there has been significant building work taking place. The works which have been taking place will be creating specialist curriculum workspaces such as Science, DT/Art supporting a richer curriculum offer and opportunities. Senior Leader offices have been created and located across the academy offering support and accessibility to students and staff. Specialist spaces have been created for a large soft play and a number of sensory rooms to be accessed as well as dedicated sensory circuit spaces for all students. On top of this a designated in-house alternative/nurture provision is being created. We look forward in showcasing these areas in the new academic year.

You will shortly be receiving a pack through the post which includes important details and data forms to be completed, including a printed version of the 'Home/Academy Agreement' I urge all families to read through this document and share with your child, before completing and returning to the academy. It is essential that the new year starts with high expectations for all including all our students and staff. Therefore, it is essential that if mobile phones/electronic devices are not needed for the journey to school/home that these are not brought into school. If they are brought in to assist with school/home transition these devices are then handed to school staff on arrival. This is a non-negotiable, and we ask for family support to reiterate these messages and work with the academy behaviour policies.

As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to your children's achievements, and I'm excited to build on the relationship between you and the school for everyone's benefit. Sarah Martin- Executive Principal and I will be holding a number of parent/carers coffee mornings/drop ins over the next term, where we look forward to meeting many of you there. This will give us the opportunity to introduce ourselves, talk about our plans and improvements for the Academy for the academic year. These meetings will take place at a number of different times in the day and week in the hope that as many families as possible will have the opportunity to attend. These will

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be taking place on the 12th and 13th September and we will be in touch with the finer details shortly.

I hope to continue the Coffee mornings monthly throughout the year ran by members of the Senior Leadership team and supported by external agencies and professionals.

I will also be available at the academy entrances before and after school, so please do say hello and introduce yourselves.

I look forward in meeting you all in the new academic year and enjoy the end of the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Smith', written in a cursive style.

Miss C Smith
Principal