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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to introduce myself to you as the CEO of South York Multi Academy Trust.

As many of you will know I took up post last year as Head Teacher of Fulford School and CEO designate of the Trust. Following Ms Savage's retirement in September I have now assumed the role as CEO whilst also remaining Head Teacher of Fulford.

I would like to thank Ms Savage for her many years of dedicated service to both Fulford School and the trust and I am sure you will join with me in wishing her a happy retirement.

Before my appointment last year, much of my career was spent in Nottingham. I was a head teacher of a large, successful 11-18 comprehensive school and latterly worked as an executive head teacher leading two schools.

I am delighted to be leading SYMAT. It is an organisation founded on strong values and a real desire to support pupils and their wider community to achieve excellence in all areas of school life. We strive to provide an effective, challenging and nurturing curriculum for all our pupils.

We understand our responsibilities and the trust you place in us to educate your children. We do this in partnership with you and aim to ensure that when our pupils leave school they do so with the knowledge, skills and values to enable them to be the change they wish to see in the world.

Our schools all have their own identities and are rooted in their communities. We are indeed fortunate to have a set of highly committed and skilled headteachers, leaders and staff as well as a supportive parental and carer body for which we are grateful.

The times we are in are challenging. It has been great to hear from all schools how well pupils have settled back into school or indeed started in reception, year 3 or year 7 for the first time.

Schools are working hard to adapt to a new way of educating their pupils and we thank you all for your support. Please continue to model the behaviour we are asking of our children; especially can I remind parents and carers to social distance when dropping children off at school. Attendance at school is important and not all illness necessitates pupils staying at home. However please be extra vigilant and do not send your child to school if there are concerns around possible symptoms. It is right that we are cautious, our actions need to support our whole community.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September Escrick Primary School joined South York Multi Academy Trust. We are delighted to welcome them as part of our family. Schools within the trust have a long tradition of partnership working and Escrick has always taken an active part in this. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the school and the wider community.

Thank you for your continued support. We are delighted children are back in schools and will continue to work with you to provide the best experiences and opportunities we can in furthering their education.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Lewis  
CEO - SYMAT