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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our children and families back to school.

As many of you will know, from today, I have been employed by the Local Authority to be the Executive Headteacher at Lily Lane during the next two to three terms. I am also the Headteacher of Moston Fields Primary School and will be splitting my time between Moston Fields and Lily Lane, with the majority of time being spent at Lily Lane.

I have worked in Manchester schools for over 30 years, with the last 12 years being spent in headship. I have previously worked as the Headteacher of Haveley Hey PS in Wythenshawe and have been at Moston Fields since January 2017. Both of these schools were either in Special Measures or Requires Improvement and both have gone on, with the support of staff and parents, to achieve a good outcome.

I appreciate what a difficult time the community has experienced since receiving the Ofsted report in June. I would like to reassure you that, with the staff team, I will work hard to ensure that we build on the school's current strengths and also make the changes that are needed to strengthen and stabilise what we offer.

There will be some big and small changes, many of which will be made in consultation with staff, children and parents. During our INSET days last week, we have been working on our vision and ethos so that as a staff team we can move forward together.

It was great to see how supportive parents are, with a good attendance at the parents meeting in July. We will be holding a Parent Focus group each half term in order to share the work we are doing and involve parents in providing feedback and their unique community feedback. All parents who attended the July meeting will receive an invite and we will offer this opportunity out to all parents who are interested in getting involved. Watch out for more information soon.

We will also provide a fortnightly newsletter to keep you updated with what is going on in school.

Every school has its unique and special nature and Lily Lane is obviously well-loved for all the wonderful opportunities that it offers to its children. We will work hard to ensure that this identity is retained whilst making a big difference where it is needed.

I look forward to meeting you and your children and spending the next year with you, please come and say hello if you see me about school,

Best wishes.

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