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Dear Parents and Carers

It gives me great pleasure to write to you and introduce myself as the new Principal of Aylward Academy. I am very proud to have been appointed to this important role which I started on 5th January 2017.

I was fortunate enough to be able to visit the school regularly prior to my start, meeting with key staff and students. At this point I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Gillard for his seven years of hard work as the Principal of Aylward Academy and also for working closely with me to ensure a successful handover.

I am joining Aylward Academy having spent the last five years as the Head teacher of Villiers High school in West London, a school judged as 'Good' by Ofsted with exam results in many subjects well above national averages. I also have experience from schools in Tottenham and Hackney. I feel privileged to be able to bring this experience to Aylward Academy. The school has many strengths and enormous potential to become outstanding. I look forward to the prospect of leading its next phase of development and to use the recent judgement of 'Good' as a platform from which to take the school forward.

I hold a strong belief in the power of education to change children's lives and the right of every child to receive an excellent education. I believe, along with all of the staff at Aylward Academy, in providing opportunities for students to achieve the highest academic standards. I also believe that students should be nurtured as individuals so that their unique personality, talents and interests are developed to the full. I very much look forward to meeting you at forthcoming events such as parent/carer surgeries and our parent/carer evenings in order to get to know you better.

One of my key objectives this year is to build upon and improve student progress and achievement in examinations. In my first term the staff and I will focus on ensuring students' attitudes to learning are positive and that all teaching is good to enable students to make progress in every lesson.

I very much look forward to meeting with you in the near future and working in partnership with you over the coming years to secure the best possible future for your children.

Yours sincerely



Remo Iafrate
Principal