

25th October 2018

Dear Parents, Carers, and students of Outwood Academy Freeston

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Rachel Smith, the Principal, has accepted an offer to lead a school in Sheffield that urgently requires a new head teacher. This is an excellent opportunity for Mrs Smith who will take up her new post on 1st November 2018. She is grateful to Outwood Grange Academies Trust for allowing her to accept this opportunity and ensuring that both schools are well-supported.

This change in leadership is made possible because Outwood Grange Academies Trust are in the strong position of being able to develop leadership capacity in advance of need. We can therefore ensure an immediate transition to a new Principal from our existing leadership team. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Lisa Allott will begin as Principal of Outwood Academy Freeston from 5th November 2018.

Mrs Smith will work closely with Mrs Allott over the next few days as she takes over the leadership of the school. Mrs Smith would like to share her pleasure and privilege at leading Freeston over the last year. She feels confident in her decision recognising that Outwood Academy Freeston will maintain its rapid improvement journey.

I would like to thank Mrs Smith for her strong leadership. During her short tenure as Principal, she has guided the school through a period of significant change and played a critical role in ensuring Freeston's successful transition to an Outwood academy. I wish her every success in her new position where she will be much valued by her new school.

I warmly welcome Mrs Allott, an established Outwood Principal who has successfully led Outwood Academy Adwick and Outwood Academy Shafton. Mrs Allott is excited to be working in Wakefield, a community she knows well. She brings excellent leadership to the school and is thrilled to be Outwood Academy Freeston's new Principal. As Executive Principal, I will continue to work closely with the school and our Principal to ensure we raise standards, transform lives and put students first.

Yours faithfully



Lynn James
Executive Principal