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Dear parents and carers

There have been some leadership changes at Chaucer School and Tapton School Academy Trust that I need to make you aware of.

Scott Burnside, previously Headteacher at Chaucer School, and up until March this year Executive Headteacher, has taken on the role of Director of Secondary Education at the Trust. Scott still therefore has an overview of what is happening at Chaucer School, but will not be in the building regularly as he also now supports the other three secondary schools within the Trust.

That change has meant that after an interview process, I am very proud to say that I have progressed from being Head of School to now Headteacher of Chaucer School. For students that will not feel like any change at all, but it is important that I shared that development with you.

Mr Dimler, Assistant Headteacher, and I met with all students in assemblies recently to be clear about what the three values of respect, responsibility and kindness should look like in school. I reminded students about the extraordinary amount of support they get from a wide range of staff, and how they can request support as and when they need it. I have also been clear with students about needing to come with us on a journey of improvement for the school.

In short, there were four key things we asked of students.

1. The need to be in the right place at the right time – and on time for lessons.
2. Being responsible enough to go the toilet at break and lunch, and so only needing to ask during lessons on rare occasions (with the exception of existing medical conditions).
3. Recognising that correct uniform shows pride and self-respect, with a positive attitude to learning.
4. Knowing that bullying or aggressive behaviour or language is totally unacceptable.

There are no changes to the rules here and the vast majority of students are working hard to meet expectations. We look forward to agreeing different types of rewards trips for students who consistently meet them. I was clear that students who fail to meet expectations will receive fair and consistent sanctions as we support all students to be successful in their school day, and alongside families, work towards a first-class education for all at Chaucer School.

If you have any questions about any of the information within this letter, or any matters related to school, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

My very best wishes

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