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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you after the first 4 weeks as CEO of the University of Chichester Academy Trust. The past few weeks has given me a great opportunity to meet many of the staff who so lovingly look after, support, teach and contribute to the development of your children and young people. I have been enthused by the level of commitment that each school community has to ensuring that every child and young person has the best educational experience possible.

We know how challenging this time of year can be and I have been impressed by the efforts staff have gone to in order to support your young people. Most recently, I heard about and saw the efforts staff across the Trust Secondary school went to in order to put in place practical ways to prepare your young people for their first set of KS4 exams. In addition, the recent Year 6 KS2 SATs tests demonstrated how much a hug and a confidence boost can really help a child feel prepared for what lies ahead.

The mental health and well-being of our learners and the teams of staff across all schools is so incredibly important as we all grapple with the impact of the COVID pandemic. This is why I would like to thank you for the love and support your families provide for all the children and young people who attend our schools. We know that it is only truly possible to develop confident children and young people if we appreciate the ways in which our families work with us to make learning fun, engaging and worthwhile. We all want learners who appreciate their families, local communities and understand the benefits of learning and enjoying different opportunities every single day.

Finally, I am certain that I will soon have an opportunity to meet some of you so we can talk about what it means to be part of a strong Academy Trust where all staff work together for our learners no matter which of our schools they are learning in. After all, there are so many benefits from being within a family of schools and a University with a worldwide reputation for excellent education.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and let's find creative ways for you share your ideas about how we can all work together to continue improving the educational experience of all our children and young people.

Kind regards



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