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To the Gedney Church End Academy Community,

Introduction from new Executive Headteacher

I am very excited to be writing this letter. As you will be aware, I am very fortunate to have been appointed Executive Headteacher of Gedney Church End Academy and Gosberton Academy. At the current time, I am in the position of Headteacher at Gosberton Academy in my sixth year as a Headteacher.

I am honoured to be joining the Gedney Church End Academy team and cannot wait to really get to know staff, learners, families and the local community during this summer term. My working week will be split across the two sites but how this looks and works will be dependent on my diary, school events and the needs of each individual school. You will see a lot of me! To ensure leadership consistency I will also be joined by Miss Chadburn who will be our full time Teaching Head of School at Gedney Church End Academy so there will be a new Executive Headteacher and Head of School.

I have high expectations – not only of myself, but the staff team I work with, the learners and the families but all that it comes down to is, “Have you tried your best?” which is something that many of the learners will hear on a day-to-day basis. All we can expect of anybody is that they give their best – this can be in a lesson, on the playground or at home. If I had to describe myself in five words, I would go with: Driven, Organised, Committed, Positive and Team Player.

I will be at Gedney Church End Academy at many different times over the summer term (although I do not formally begin until September 2024) and I look forward to having the opportunity to speak to as many learners and family members as possible as I start to find out about Gedney Church End Academy and begin to plan on how we can make this an exceptional school within an exceptional community.

As I mentioned earlier, Miss Chadburn will also be joining the Gedney Church End Academy staff team – her role will be Teaching Head of School. Miss Chadburn has worked with me for the previous six years and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience. I have no doubt that Miss Chadburn will be a huge asset to the Gedney Church End Academy community.

I will also be supported by many members of the Voyage Education Partnership Central Team to ensure we make rapid progress supporting your children with their learning and ensuring they reach their full potential. I have organised to be at Gedney Church End Academy on **Wednesday 22nd May**. If anybody would like to come and have a chat. Mrs Rose will send out further details so please feel free to come and ask any questions – it would be great to meet as many of you as possible.

Many thanks

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