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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to send a short letter home to you in order to introduce myself as the new Principal here at The Ruth Gorse Academy. A number of you have already seen me out and about on duty, and introduced yourselves, which has made me feel very welcome, so thank you!

This is the beginning of our second year in this fantastic, new, city centre building and our 4th year as an Academy. We are again over-subscribed in each year group, increasing our whole school student numbers from just over 500 last year, to over 800 students this academic year. I am sure that once the final OFSTED report is released, we will be inundated with requests for places at our school.

I would also like to thank you for supporting us to make the start of this new academic year so successful. You have clearly thought about ensuring our students, your children, are properly presented in a professional manner for school. We need to ensure that students have the appropriate haircut/style, uniform (including shoes), and it should be noted that uniform does not include tight fitting trousers. Also, please ensure that your child brings their red coat into school every day, this is part of their uniform. Mobile phones are not permitted around school, and jewellery needs to be simple and discreet. Please be aware that all personal items are brought to school at students' own risk. Full information regarding these school expectations are clearly explained in the **Student Planner** and I can see that most of you have made reference to this. Again, thank you!

May I take this opportunity to remind you to take a close look at your child's Planner on a regular basis. Not only does it spell out our visions and aspirations for your child and our school, but shows you all the enormous successes your child achieves every day. The **Student Planner** clearly documents all daily timings, rules and regulations and a list of significant dates. This is a very important book which students **MUST** bring to school every day.

Finally, I'd like to assure you that the amazing work started here at The Ruth Gorse Academy three years ago, will not only be maintained under my leadership, but will further develop and flourish with your continued support.

I hope to meet many more of you as the weeks go by.

Yours sincerely

Liam Nolan MA
Principal

