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Dear families,

Firstly, I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well and I wish everyone well as we continue to navigate reopening and the next phase of the pandemic. I wanted to write to you all as today marks my first official day as Headteacher of Fazakerley High School although I have been fortunate to have spent time in our school over the last two weeks. I would like to thank staff, students and the families I have already met for being warm and welcoming. It is clear that there is a collective desire to improve our school and ensure we deliver a more effective education for your child.

In terms of priorities it is clear that if your child is going to succeed at Fazakerley High School the first thing I need to address is the culture that exists within some pockets of the school. We are a school where genuine mutual respect underpins all we do and therefore we have already implemented a more professional and appropriate way of speaking to each other; students and staff alike end sentences with the Fazakerley Full Stop of Sir/Miss or an adult's/child's name. I have been really impressed with how quickly everyone has worked together to improve the way we all speak to each other and it just shows how quickly we can improve our culture if we work together.

I do need to be clear that at the moment a significant minority of students are struggling to meet the most basic of expectations in relation to culture and more specifically in relation to following instructions first time, every time, correct uniform, no use of mobile phones and punctuality to school and lessons. All of these undermine your child's education and their life chances and I will be tackling these over the coming weeks and I am confident I can count on your support with this. I will also be reviewing our support for students so that any barriers to learning can be overcome as opposed to being used as excuses for poor behaviour and poor academic outcomes; every child succeeds in a successful school and that is my ambition for your child moving forwards.

Last week I was fortunate to visit all of the secondary schools in Dixons Academy Trust which we will join on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. I was inspired and humbled by schools which all, without exception, were based on impeccable behaviour, clear routines and a real warmth between students and staff. Teaching was exceptionally effective, responsive and has led to incredible outcomes for children. I am delighted that we will be joining Dixons as I know their support, dedication and commitment will help to transform the education your child receives in the coming months and years.

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As a new Headteacher it is always a pleasure to meet families and I would like to offer opportunities to meet in person, in limited numbers, so that I can listen to any views, suggestions and questions you may have. If you would like to attend such a meeting please email my PA Lyn Doyle at the address below stating your name, your child's name and form and whether you would like to attend a 10am – 11am meeting or a 4.30 – 5.30pm meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. I will add in additional dates if required and I look forward to meeting you then.

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We have an incredible journey ahead of us and I look forward to working with you and your child as we transform our school and move forwards together. I will be writing again in the near future to consult on a new school day, new uniform as well as explaining new approaches to building a positive and mutually respectful culture in our school. We have much to do but together we can achieve so much.

Best wishes,



Mr C. Wilson  
Headteacher