

Dear Parent/Carer,

First and foremost, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. I am incredibly privileged to be able to write to you for the first time to introduce myself as Head Teacher of Winchburgh Academy, your state-of-the-art new school.

I was delighted to officially start my new role on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February after leaving my previous Head Teacher post of six years. We all eagerly await the completion of our beautiful new school building and until it's completion, I am working from the West Lothian Council Civic Centre in Livingston. I am looking forward to visiting the school site and building again, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, with relevant colleagues and partners.

Since Monday, I have enjoyed working on and discussing a number of priorities in relation to our new school and the planning and preparation process required to ensure that we are absolutely ready to ensure that your child is welcomed with love and full support into our inclusive, caring and ambitious school in August. Your child will look forward to engaging in our future oriented curriculum that will embed 21<sup>st</sup> Century pedagogies immersed in digital technologies to fully prepare them to attain, achieve and build the skills required for them to live a happy and successful life.

As mentioned above, I feel incredibly privileged to be in a position to serve, support, and lead our school community in such unique and exciting times for everyone connected to Winchburgh Academy and I look forward to meeting and working with each child and family over the next couple of months in the lead up to the opening of our school.

I also very much look forward to working in partnership with everyone to provide the very best opportunities and experiences for our young people. As a community, we are already fully aware that our new facilities are sector leading and they will provide us all with a tremendous amount of pride and ambition. Let us all now work together as a community from this point forward with our children and young people, alongside all parents/carers, staff and partners to inject soul into our school based on common and agreed values to build the Winchburgh Academy family, team and culture.

Moving forward, I plan to offer a wide range of 'building community' opportunities with you through a series of upcoming meetings, presentations and workshops so that you can meet me and engage in opportunities for us to create our school values, vision and aims and confirm our school badge together. From there, I will offer further opportunities to meet the soon to be recruited staff team to offer workshops and information sessions regarding areas such as curriculum planning and the wider life and ethos of our school. I am also considering appropriate and creative strategies to offer a high-quality transition experience for our families and young people and I'll communicate that with you at the earliest opportunity.

Furthermore, watch this space for regular correspondence from myself to keep you updated on all relevant aspects through the use of newsletters, video blogs, presentations and in due course, appropriate social media. Once we have a school badge confirmed we will be able to launch our new school website which I anticipate can be arranged in the very near future.

Finally, Mr. Harvey and his staff team have made me feel wonderfully welcome and I intend to work with them in Winchburgh Primary School regularly to meet and work with our young people. I have already had the privilege of meeting a few and they are indeed a credit to themselves, their families and they are very proud of their school – I look forward to getting to know them all soon.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and all young people for your continued support and patience - I look forward to working with you all.

Best wishes,



Jonny Mitchell