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Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Principal of Monkshouse Primary Academy. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to develop this fantastic school onto the next stage of its journey. As a parent myself, my goal has always been to ensure my children are happy in life and achieve their potential. This is the philosophy I bring to my role as Principal and I aim to ensure all children who attend Monkshouse are happy and provided with all the necessary opportunities to be the best they can be both socially and academically.

I am experienced Headteacher and Executive Headteacher and have spent over 15 years as a Senior Leader in a variety of primary schools, varying from small village primaries to larger urban junior school across the county. I have been a Headteacher for the last 10 years across four very different settings. I feel this gives me a great knowledge of what is needed to continue to take Monkshouse forward. We already have a hugely committed and talented staff team, and of course our wonderful children, which is a great place for any Headteacher to start! It was a privilege to welcome all the children back into school this morning at the gate and introduce myself to so many of you. The needs of our children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing our children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. I think it is crucial to involve our children and their families as partners in their education. I am also keen on building a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience.

I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about our school. I will be sending out a parent's questionnaire over the coming weeks and would appreciate your honest feedback to help us build our vision for the future. Please do come and introduce yourselves outside school, I will be holding an informal 'meet and greet' session, alongside our Macmillan Coffee Morning (more details to follow) on Thursday 18th September so do please come along if you are free. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

Mr Clarke
Principal