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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we welcome in the New Year of 2018, I am pleased to introduce myself as your Headteacher at Ecclesfield School. With a new year comes a new era for the school. I am looking forward to swiftly moving the school into a positive position where successful educational outcomes and a supportive environment underpin everything we do.

The school will face a number of challenges within the coming year as we embark upon a journey of improvement. This will be achieved through setting high standards and expectations within teaching and learning, leadership and management and student outcomes. You will see changes to the way the school has previously approached these areas and I hope you will give me your full support and understanding towards this new way of working.

In relation to your children, it is imperative that the school environment promotes a culture where acceptance, tolerance and respect are at the core of our values. I will be promoting these values and expecting them to be on show at all times by all students. I want this school to show off the values and virtues that our children have. It will be a welcoming, positive and enjoyable school to be in, felt by all students, staff and visitors from the minute they set foot in the door.

A further commitment to the school that I will expect from our young people, is that they are on time for all classes, attend 100% and value the role that their positive behaviours and attitudes can have towards promoting successful classroom settings. Expecting the very best of themselves and allowing themselves and others to be able to access the learning without hindrance, disruption or negative attitudes will also be a minimum expectation in every lesson. We will challenge anybody who brings this environment into disrepute and does not allow the teachers to teach, or the students to learn. I am confident, that as parents and carers you will be fully behind these principles and values.

I will be expecting nothing less than outstanding professional standards from all my staff in delivering outstanding support, care and guidance to your children. We will have high expectations at all times and never give up or settle for less from any student. We will unashamedly challenge and push them to meet and exceed their perceived potentials and we will nurture and carefully develop their resilience and ability to cope with ever increasing demands. We will help prepare them for their adult life ahead

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and the next step of learning or employment that they will find themselves facing. We want them to leave our school with high aspirations and self-belief, having choices and opportunities ahead of them that they had not previously thought about. Our curriculum and enrichment activities will give them the skills, qualifications and desire necessary to unlock and successfully follow their future career pathways.

For this school commitment to have the biggest impact, I ask for your support in upholding these imperative values and beliefs. I urge you to be encouraging your child within the home environment, echoing our positive values and insisting your child engages positively with the school at all times. I appreciate that there may be times where they face uncertainties, difficulties and negative times within their schooling. Please contact their form tutor, head of house or class teacher immediately if you are aware of this and we will work together to swiftly overcome any obstacles that they may face. Working in close partnership and having open channels of communication will ensure our young people experience the very best throughout their time at Ecclesfield.

Finally, I want to mention academic excellence. I will be constantly striving to improve the results that our students achieve each year and I will be asking leadership at all levels to be responsive to our young people and to provide a stimulating, relevant and inspiring curriculum that allows the students to flourish. Every student will need to apply themselves 100% to their studies and only with hard work, a desire to achieve and a belief in listening to the teacher's advice, will the best outcomes be reached. Again, I ask for your partnership and support in instilling these values within the home setting and encouraging them to revise and complete all work set for them every evening. Together, we can move this school to outstanding.

Achieving their very best, requires us all to strive for these same expectations every minute of every day, settling for nothing less. This is my commitment and promise to you that I bring as Headteacher of Ecclesfield School.

Yours sincerely,

Ms G Stonier

Headteacher