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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to be able to share the news that Mr Eddie Child has been appointed as Principal at Astrea Academy Dearne, having been Senior Vice Principal for a number of years and Interim Principal since September 2022.

Mr Child is an experienced senior leader with a proven track record in improving outcomes for children. He joined Astrea Academy Dearne almost 20 years ago, in 2004, initially to lead the school's ICT department. This is a role he held for five very successful years before being promoted to Assistant Principal in 2009. As Assistant Principal, Mr Child was largely focussed on improving outcomes for students. He was promoted again to Vice Principal in 2019, and shortly after that to Senior Vice Principal, expanding his role to work more widely in both academic and pastoral areas.

It is clear to us that Mr Child is exactly the right person to continue to drive forward the improvements needed at Astrea Academy Dearne. We have the greatest confidence that under his leadership and with the support of the Trust, Astrea Academy Dearne will continue on its path to excellence, and deliver on our mission to give every child a brilliant education.

Mr Child has a very clear vision for the school. He believes that Astrea Academy Dearne's community deserves an outstanding school which ensures all students receive a fantastic education; one that allows them to lead successful and productive lives. He is absolutely committed to supporting all students to overcome any barriers they may face, and is clear that every child deserves success in a school environment that allows them to flourish.

I know that Mr Child is very much looking forward to continuing working with you as we move into this next phase of the academy's journey. As part of our approach to working in partnership, we would like to offer all parents and carers the opportunity to join us for an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 28th March 3pm – 5pm. On this afternoon, there will be an opportunity to hear Mr Child share his vision for the academy and a chance to visit classrooms, meet with teachers and tour around the building. If you would be interested in attending this event, we would request that you complete this [form](#) to ensure we can accommodate all parents/carers due to number restrictions.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Tutt
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