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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to be writing with the news that we have appointed Mr Adam Atkinson as our new Principal of Astrea Academy Woodfields.

As many of you will know, Mr Atkinson has been part of the Astrea family since 2018/19 when he joined Astrea Academy Woodfields as Vice Principal, with responsibility for behaviour and attitudes. He will take up post with immediate effect.

An experienced senior leader, prior to joining Astrea, Mr Atkinson worked for the Outwood Grange Academies Trust, in a number of their academies, including as Vice Principal in Outwood Grange and Outwood Shafton.

Amongst a strong field of candidates, Mr Atkinson stood out head and shoulders. Not only is he an exceptional educationalist, but having been part of the academy's senior leadership team since the school joined Astrea, he has a clear understanding of the improvement journey that the school has been on, and what further actions need to be taken to ensure that Woodfields delivers an education that inspires beyond measure.

We are proud of the progress that the academy is making, and I have every confidence that Mr Atkinson will accelerate the rate of improvement so that Astrea Academy Woodfields goes from strength to strength and becomes a school that the community has pride in.

I know that Mr Atkinson is looking forward to working with you to help ensure that we provide the very best education possible for your child.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the academy.

Yours sincerely,

Benedick Ashmore-Short Interim Chief Executive