

4th October 2023

Dear parents and carer,

I am writing to inform you all of my recent decision to leave my position as Principal at Outwood Academy Ripon this academic year.

Throughout this week the academy, with the support of our executive team, will operate the recruitment process for a new Principal. I am pleased to report there is a strong field of candidates for the position and look forward to announcing the successful candidate later this term.

I hold a great fondness for Outwood Academy Ripon, its students, staff and community having spent 9 years from 2011 - 2016 and 2019 - 2023 of my career in this wonderful school. I have worked for Outwood Grange Academies Trust for most of my professional teaching career and feel both privileged to have led Outwood Academy Ripon and confident that under the Trust strong future leadership shall continue.

Outwood Academy Ripon is a special place. Over the course of my tenure, I have enjoyed working with a remarkable team of colleagues, who maintain strong bonds with our students and community.

I want to express my gratitude to the Trust and yourselves for the support you have shown me during my time as Principal. I will continue to work with dedication until my successor takes on the mantle of Principal.

The academy continues to strengthen and bounce back after the disruption of the pandemic. It again feels a wonderfully positive place since our return this academic year. Our academy fosters curiosity, inspires individuals and supports every young person who wears its uniform to reach their potential. I will always keep an avid interest in the academy's future achievements and the accolades of its students and staff. I will keep you updated once our new Principal is appointed.

Yours sincerely



Mr W. Pratt
Principal