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Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Adam Gatrad and it is a pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Featherstone Academy. It is an honour and a privilege to have been appointed to lead the school and I am looking to build upon the success that has been achieved under Mrs Jobling's leadership. Featherstone Academy is a "good" school and our aim is to make it great. I am eager for the children to return next week and to be able to meet as many families as I possibly can. With the ongoing pandemic, it is a strange time to be joining a new school but, fortunately, it seems that a return to more normal times is not too far away. I am also excited to join a school that is part of the University of Wolverhampton Multi Academy Trust and I am looking forward to the children further benefiting from those close links with other schools as well as the university.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know a little bit about myself. Having been brought up in Walsall and all my education taking place in the Birmingham area, I began my teaching career in Greenwich, London. Following on from that experience, I moved to Hertfordshire where I was appointed an Assistant Headteacher and subsequently a Deputy Headteacher. During this time I have experienced teaching across all the primary key stages.

My wife and I have now moved back to the West Midlands in order to return to where we were both brought up and call home with our son, Noah, who is nearly two. When not working or with family, I am likely to be found on the tennis court, the golf course or at Villa Park (once we are allowed to return). I am very much a family orientated person and understand the importance that Featherstone Academy holds to the local community.

My goal is for every child to want to come school, every staff member to feel valued and every family to be proud that their child attends a school where they feel safe, happy and receive the best possible education. On a day to day basis, you most likely will not see any overt changes, at least initially; I don't believe in change for the sake of change. I will be working closely with the Senior Leadership Team and all staff at the Academy to know and understand more about the school, the community and the children they cater for before making any decisions or implementing change. Any changes we do make will be communicated to you in advance with a clear rationale provided. Communication with families is a key part to the successful running of a school and this is something I pride myself on.

I am keen to meet as many parents as possible, if you see me around, please do come and introduce yourself and say hello. I would love to invite all families to come into school, but at the moment this is not possible; therefore we may try and arrange something virtually for the time being, while hoping that we can arrange something in person soon. In the meantime, if anyone would like to get in touch, even just to introduce yourself, please do telephone the school office or alternatively email me directly (headteacher@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk).

Kind regards

Adam Gatrad
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