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Dear Parent/Carer

Visit on Friday 11th November 2016

Please can I take the opportunity to thank you all for your support in what has been a time of transition at Outwood Academy Danum. Danum Academy joined Outwood Grange Academies Trust officially on 1 September 2016 and we have had a very positive start on our journey to becoming outstanding. Not only are all students and staff embedding the new systems and structures effectively but we were delighted to host a visit on Friday from Rt Hon Dame Rosie Winterton DBE MP, Councillor John Mounsey and the Director for Learning and Skills for Doncaster, Damian Allen. The delegation were left in no doubt that Outwood Academy Danum provides an excellent climate for learning and that students are making outstanding progress in lessons. Councillor John Mounsey has recently been elected chair of the Academy's local academy council, who meet each half term and work closely with the leadership of the Academy on all aspects of Academy life and hold the principal and associate executive principal to account in terms of Academy performance.

Changes to Academy Principal

Finally, Ms Staples will be leaving Outwood Academy Danum on 25 November 2016 to take up an exciting opportunity as headteacher at Dinnington High School. Mrs Staples has worked hard to raise standards and attainment at Danum Academy over the last three years and her commitment to the students, staff and community has been significant – and we wish her every success in her new role. Moving forward, Mrs Jayne Gaunt will become acting principal from that date and she has extensive expertise in all aspects of senior leadership, having previously worked at Outwood Academies Ripon and Carlton. Mrs Gaunt has already met a number of you and knows many of your children well, committing to putting students first by raising standards and transforming lives.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Blundell
Associate Executive Principal