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23rd February 2024

Our ref: DBA/072/KB

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Introduction

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new headteacher of Grantham Additional Needs Fellowship (GANF) and am looking forward to officially starting the role after the Easter holidays.

I wanted to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself to you and to express my enthusiasm about joining the CIT Academies team and working with the entire GANF community. Since January I have been working very closely behind the scenes with Kyna Adkins (Interim Headteacher) to learn more about the school and to ensure that I am well briefed and ready to officially join the school from 1st April 2024. I have already visited the school several times and have enjoyed meeting lots of polite, well-mannered pupils and caring, enthusiastic staff during my visits, so I cannot wait to get started properly. Now that Sandon and Ambergate have officially merged to become one school, I feel like I will be joining the organisation at an exciting point in its journey, so I look forward to seeing what the future holds.

For over twenty years now, I have had the pleasure of working with and teaching lots of fantastic children, young people, and adults with a range of different abilities and needs in further education and all-age specialist settings in West Yorkshire, Northumberland and Newcastle Upon Tyne. I have been a senior leader in specialist education for the past eleven years, five of them as a headteacher in two different specialist schools; an all-age generic residential specialist school in Northumberland and a large, multi-site all age specialist school for autistic children and young people in Newcastle. I was born and raised in Lincolnshire, and although I have thoroughly enjoyed living in the northeast for the past eighteen years, I am looking forward to 'coming home' so that I can live closer to my family.

As a specialist school leader, my values are rooted in the belief that every child and young person can learn and achieve, whatever their abilities or circumstances may be. I am passionate about raising aspirations, changing perceptions, and improving the future pathways of people with different abilities and can assure you that as the headteacher of GANF, I will strive to create the best education and school experience for your child whilst they

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are a member of our school community. I also want to make sure that, as parents and carers, you too feel the benefit of being part of our community as key partners in the education of your child.

Thank you in advance of your support and cooperation. I shall look forward to working with you and meeting you in person very soon.

Yours sincerely

Daley Barber-Allen

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