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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

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You should have recently received a letter from the Local Authority informing you that your child has been offered a place at Armfield Academy for the new academic year.

I am delighted to welcome your child on behalf of all our Armfield Family. I trust he/she will be very happy with us over the next five years.

As you will be undoubtedly aware, we are currently experiencing unprecedented times with the COVID-19 pandemic. Under normal circumstances, like all schools, we would be offering parents and our new students the opportunity to come into Armfield to meet the staff and I, familiarise yourselves with our school, tour our facilities and ask any questions that you may have about the school or, where appropriate, advise the school of any personal matters that may be relevant to your child's learning needs or personal circumstances. As you will fully appreciate this will not be possible; unless there is a change in the national position and we emerge from the present 'lockdown' arrangements we will not be able to offer such an opportunity, much to our regret. We are considering alternative arrangements and I will write to you again in due course with an update; all our schools are in the same position so through our Trust FCAT, the Fylde Coast Academy Trust we are considering all available options.

In the meantime, please log on to our school website, which provides further information about the school, uniform requirements, the school day, school policies and protocols. Furthermore, the website will be the first port of call for parents in terms of any updates and amendments that may be relevant to the new intake of children starting with us in September later this year (www.armfieldacademy.co.uk).

We are very much looking forward to working with both your child and yourself and to maintaining a close partnership throughout his/her school career with us. Further details regarding additional events and joining procedures scheduled over the next few months will follow in due course. Our aim is to ensure that your child enjoys a smooth and successful transition from Primary to Armfield Academy.

It is our sincere hope that we can get back to a state of normality and we can meet both formally and informally as required sooner rather than later. I thank you in advance for your support and understanding during these unprecedented times. Rest assured that my staff and I will do all we can to keep you fully informed and up to date with relevant information as and when we are in receipt of any changes or details that you may find useful.

We look forward to working with you in due course.

Welcome to Armfield!

Best wishes, take care and stay safe,

Mark Kilmurray Headteacher



