

28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware I am stepping in to be interim headteacher of Danesgate Community until the end of Aug 2023. I will then be taking up my new role as headteacher of our school from the 1st September 2023. It is an honour and privilege to have been given this opportunity to continue serving our vibrant and thriving community in this new capacity.

I am incredibly proud to have the opportunity to lead such a fantastic school and build on the great work of my predecessor, Mark Richardson. Having served as Deputy Headteacher for a number of years at Danesgate, I am deeply committed to the success and wellbeing of our students and I look forward to continuing to work closely with all members of our school community to ensure ever one of our students can *thrive* and *achieve* their full potential. I am grateful of the trust and support you have shown me during my time as Deputy Headteacher and I promise to continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our school remains a safe and nurturing environment where our students can flourish. Danesgate is a very special place with every child at the centre of what we do; this ethos continues to make Danesgate pivotal in our Local Authority for students with Special Educational Needs and SEMH.

I will work closely with our dedicated staff, governors, students and parents to ensure we continue to provide a secure, supportive and enriched learning environment for all our students to grow and make good progress. I am committed to upholding the high standards of teaching, learning and pastoral care that our school is known for, recognised also in our most recent OFSTED. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for Danesgate Community and I look forward to working with you all to achieve our goals.

I understand that this is a time of change for our school and I want to assure you that I am dedicated to making this transition as smooth and seamless as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate in contacting me, any member of our SLT or your child's Keyworker. I am here to serve you and our students and I am confident that together we can continue to make Danesgate a place of excellence.

Thank you again for your continued support and best wishes



Chris Nichols
Interim Headteacher- Danesgate Community