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Dear Parents and Carers

**Welcome to United Learning**

As the summer term draws to a close, we wanted to write to you to say how pleased we are to be able to welcome Fir Vale Academy into United Learning, after the legal transfer was successfully completed at the beginning of July.

Thank you for your patience as we have worked through the legal aspects of the transfer with Sheffield City Council over the past two years. In that time, we have had the chance to get to know Fir Vale and identify how we can best support it as staff continue to drive forward improvements across the school. Under the leadership of Mr Danny Bullock, who as you know will be joining the academy as Principal in September, we are confident that we can build on the progress that is already underway to ensure students are receiving a well-rounded and ambitious education.

Along with Sheffield Park Academy and Sheffield Springs Academy, we are very pleased to welcome another school from the local area into our group. By working together, we hope our schools can offer their students learning opportunities and experiences that no single school could offer alone. The feedback and engagement of parents and families is of course vitally important for any school, and we hope to create many opportunities for you to work with Fir Vale as well as across our South Yorkshire cluster.

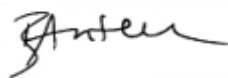
Finally, we would like to thank Ms Rachel Smith for her service to Fir Vale and its community since becoming Headteacher in 2018. She has worked tirelessly to improve standards and bring stability to the school in that time, and we wish her well in her retirement. We would also like to thank all staff across the school for their ongoing support and hard work to help us reach a successful conclusion to this transfer.

Wishing you an enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely



**Sir Jon Coles**  
**Chief Executive**



**Ben Antell**  
**Director of Secondary Academies**