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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well.

I have enjoyed visiting all of our Greenheart Academies this term and it has been fantastic to talk to many children about the exciting lessons they have been taking part in. I particularly enjoyed making houses from biscuits, icing and jam in the Reception class at Featherstone and I was astounded by the depth of knowledge of Year 5 children about Tudors at Woodhouse. A special mention must also go to the children, staff and parents of Fairway who have coped admirably and been extremely supportive with having to move their learning to another site...and thank you to the community at Albert Bradbeer for hosting them.

There are so many exciting lessons and events that I have seen in all of our schools, I couldn't possibly mention them all. We are always reviewing our Curriculum Promise so that our children have experiences that enable them to develop into pupils that are ready for life, by the time they leave our schools. Like any organisation we always want to improve and it was great to hear some of the suggestions from parents that came out of our Governors meetings this week.

The one thing that has struck me this term is how unique we are as a Partnership in the way that we work so openly with the members of our communities. I have been lucky enough to meet and chat with many parents/carers on the school gates and playgrounds before and after school and hear how positive you are about the school and some of the suggestions that you have. It is extremely useful to get feedback directly from parents in addition to the surveys that we ask you to complete. I have seen that school staff are always available to meet and talk with parents and that relationships between staff and parents/carers on the whole are a real strength in our Partnership.

These relationships are built on Greenheart's values. We have shared Partnership values, based on the highest expectations of all members of our learning community. The progress and well-being of every child is our top priority and at the centre of every decision. We expect all of our communities to be;

- ☐ Innovative - finding better ways of working and supporting our children
- ☐ Collaborative - working together to solve problems, develop our practice and share our learning
- ☐ Responsive - adapting what we do to enhance our schools
- ☐ Inclusive - working together to ensure that every member of our community is made to feel welcome and can succeed
- ☐ Take Ownership - every one of us is accountable for our decisions and actions. We have uncompromising standards of integrity and ethical conduct, and we are honest and constant in the face of challenges and change.

There are often times when we need to have difficult conversations but it is really important that we consider our Greenheart Values and that our behaviour always reflects this. Sometimes it is appropriate to pause and take a breath before we have these conversations but we must always make sure that we respect one another and conduct ourselves in an appropriate way, no matter how challenging the issue might be.

Please also remember that if you have a complaint that you have not been able to resolve with the school then we have a Complaints Policy available on our website (greenheartlearning.org). You must always try to resolve any complaints with the school first.

I look forward to meeting more of you on my visits to schools.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Chambers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'C' being large and prominent.

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