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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are well. I am writing today regarding the Senior Leadership Team at Oasis Academy Brightstowe.

In January I wrote to you about our new Executive Principal, Mr Knight, who joined the Academy whilst we recruited a new Principal. Unfortunately, due to Mr Knight sustaining a fractured hip when he fell off his bicycle he will be unable to continue his work at the Academy and we wish him all the very best during his recovery at home.

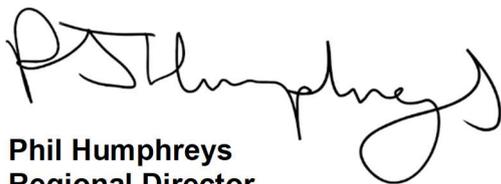
I am pleased to announce that Mr Tony Searle, currently Principal of Hans Price Academy in Weston-super-Mare, will be joining Oasis Academy Brightstowe as Interim Principal for the next two terms whilst we complete the recruitment process for our next permanent school leader. Mr Searle will be with us four days a week, and meeting with his leadership team at Hans Price Academy weekly.

Mr Searle is an experienced school leader who is dedicated to supporting every student to make great progress and at Hans Price has created a culture of everyone being 'Ready to Learn.' These are of course aspirations that we share for Brightstowe, and we are grateful to Mr Searle, the Hans Price Academy community and the Cabot Learning Federation for supporting Oasis Academy Brightstowe in Mr Knight's absence. I know you will want to join me in welcoming Mr Searle as he begins with us in the new half-term.

The recruitment process for our new permanent Principal is well under way, and we will be conducting interviews in the coming weeks. We will of course provide you with an update in due course.

Thank you for your support of the Academy during this time of change in our leadership. We are fortunate to be able to work in partnership with the Cabot Learning Federation, and we look forward to welcoming Mr Searle to his new interim position very shortly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Humphreys'.

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