

19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

I am absolutely delighted and honoured to be joining Armthorpe Academy as Principal and becoming part of the wider Armthorpe community. Throughout my career, I have worked in schools serving communities across Yorkshire and the Humber and have seen first-hand the difference that high-quality education can make in improving life chances. From my earliest conversations with colleagues and the Trust, it has been clear that there is much to celebrate at Armthorpe Academy and I am excited by the opportunity to build upon the strong foundations and positive work that has already been undertaken.

As Principal, I am committed to ensuring that every child is known, supported and challenged to achieve their very best. Alongside a relentless focus on outcomes and high standards, I believe deeply in the importance of wellbeing, inclusion and a strong sense of belonging. I want every family to feel proud of their school and confident that their children are receiving an education that equips them with the knowledge, skills and opportunities they need for successful and fulfilling futures. My leadership will be rooted in excellence, equity and integrity, and in working in genuine partnership with students, families, staff, governors and the wider community.

I look forward to listening, learning and working together with parents, carers and our partners to continue strengthening the academy and ensuring that every young person leaves Armthorpe Academy with strong qualifications, meaningful choices and a genuine sense of pride in themselves and their community. I am incredibly excited about the journey ahead and the opportunities we will create together for all of our young people.

Yours sincerely

Gill Mills  
Principal

