

December 2022

Dear families

Return to School

I am delighted to inform you that we have successfully appointed a new Principal at Dixons Unity Academy. Mr Ash Jacobs joins us from Dixons Trinity Chapeltown, and will take up his new post with us on Tuesday 3 January. Some families may already know Mr Jacobs from the support that he offered Dixons Unity Academy during the last academic year.

To allow Mr Jacobs to fully support staff and students across the academy, Tuesday 3 January will now be an additional training day and students will return to school following the Christmas break on Wednesday 4 January.

Incidents within the community

I would like to make you aware of some recent reports regarding muggings that have taken place within the community. Whilst this is not something that is happening within the Academy, we felt it was important to share this information, the police are aware as well as our Community Support Officer, PC Close. Please take this opportunity to speak with your child/ren regarding the dangers that can occur in the community. Should you witness any suspicious activity please do contact the police directly.

School Drive

Over the past few days we have witnessed vehicles being driven at speed up our school drive. This is unacceptable, the safety of our students and staff is of the utmost important and this behaviour puts them in harms way. We politely ask that when entering / exiting the school grounds, that you put the safety of pedestrians first and do not speed through the car park. If this behaviour continues we will have no option but to stop vehicles entering the school grounds. I would like to thank you in advance for your support with ensuring that we keep the academy safe for everyone.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming back all students on Wednesday 4 January.

Yours faithfully



**Mr N Miley
Deputy CEO**