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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Welcome letter from Mr Powell**

I would like to introduce myself as the new Principal of Ellis Guilford School as it starts its journey as part of the Creative Education Trust. Prior to my appointment I have led secondary schools in Yorkshire and the Midlands all of which improved rapidly, became over-subscribed and gained Good Ofsted judgements.

Leading a school is a great privilege but carries great responsibility as well. The recent Ofsted report did highlight some areas which need to improve and I am determined, along with all the staff at the school, to bring about these changes so that Ellis Guilford is a school which everyone can be very proud of.

### **Forthcoming dates for your diary:**

- Half Term: Monday, 18 February to Friday, 22 February 2019  
(Some Year 11 pupils will be invited in for holiday revision)
- Monday, 25 February 2019 – Staff Training Day
- Tuesday, 26 February 2019 – lessons resume as normal
- Wednesday, 6 March 2019 – Year 9 Parents' Evening

### **Safeguarding**

Two important safeguarding issues have come to light:

- Use of mobile phones – please see separate letter
- Parking outside school – please do not park on the yellow lines. They are there to reduce the risk to students as they leave school. I have already witnessed several dangerous incidents caused by illegal parking or cars doing U-turns in the road directly outside school.



## Events

Finally, I have been delighted to hear about or witness these events this term at Ellis Guilford School:

- Year 10 trip to Cambridge University to raise ambition
- Year 7/8 trip to Derby University to raise aspirations
- Year 9 “Be Internet Citizens” run by Google Chrome UK and the Institute of Strategic Development, encouraging the positive use of e-media. This event was raised in the Houses of Parliament by Alex Norris MP as an example of what all schools should be doing.

All three providers of these events were very complimentary about our pupils, a real credit to the school and their families.

Yours sincerely

David Powell  
Principal

