



8th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Deep Appreciation of Your Continuing Support

I have been reflecting this week and I am delighted with how far we have come. My job is clear and that is to raise standards, expectations and support our young people as they prepare for the world outside.

I have made it clear that we, as adults, must model high standards to our young people and I will accept nothing less. The support my staff and I have received from you has truly been outstanding. A year ago, who would have thought that we would have huge waiting lists in their hundreds; that we would be winning district competitions in a number of sports; that we are on track to beat our attainment targets; that exclusions are down by 75% from last year; that we have taken part in so many community events and raised so much for charity and attendance has gone from below the national average to way above. We have celebrated National Weeks and have huge press coverage which has been so wonderful to read.

Most importantly we have happy children, who tell us they love their school and we have happy teachers. Happy teachers stay and work in a happy school.

I will not have negativity in my school. Our ethos is about positivity and a 'can do' attitude. Our children need to feel respected and accepted. I firmly believe we have achieved that in a short amount of time.

As you know I have become Executive Headteacher of The Ongar Academy and High Ongar Primary School. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to see how positively perceived TOA is in the community, as parents are really wanting their children to come to our school.

We clearly are the school of choice and we are all lucky to work and learn here. It is an exceptional place of learning and I will be relentless in my pursuit of excellence. That is what you and your children deserve; only the best.

Have a wonderful half term when it arrives and again, I thank you for your unwavering support of The Ongar Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Headteacher

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