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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all staff, students, and parents / carers who have made me feel most welcome since joining last term. I really do feel privileged to be the Principal of Kingswood Secondary Academy. Kingswood is, as it says on the last Ofsted report, a good school. I would go further that and say that Kingswood is a very good school, however this does not mean that we can't improve and do things better in a number of areas.

What has struck me, is the extra mile that staff here go to ensure that your child feels safe and secure under our care and work tirelessly so that our students are as successful as they can possibly be. I often hear Heads of Year say in assemblies that the success of the students, will have such a positive effect on them personally but also at home and within the wider Kingswood community. At the heart of everything that the staff do is a desire to see your children succeed.

I can honestly say that I have never experienced such a kind and caring community as the one we have here at Kingswood. From the vast amount of money that has been raised for the victims of war in Ukraine, to the collections for the Corby Food Bank and wonderful Christmas project. The Corby and Kingswood community really does care.

Over the 25 years that I have been teaching, I have witnessed many changes; some good and some not so good. One example of this is the creation of the world wide web which brings information, education and entertainment to us from around the globe, right into the palm of our hands almost instantaneously. At the same time however it exposes us and our children up to new threats, dangers and distractions. It is my view that education and guidance is key to ensuring the safe and purposeful use of such new technologies.

Another area of change that I sometimes see is the abuse of key workers like NHS staff, paramedics and fire service workers. I've witnessed frustrations overflow into abuse in places like Doctor's surgeries and in schools. Most public sector receptions put the oft seen displayed public notice up stating that abuse of our staff won't be tolerated etc. I have never seen such a sign in a school yet and I don't want to start here. The vast majority of visitors to school reception are supportive, polite and understanding of the pressures of the job and I thank you for this. However, there are rare occasions when things can get 'heated' and while I fully understand that our children are the most precious things in our lives, can I ask you to reflect for a moment before taking any frustrations out on our staff. If things are not going well and we are getting something wrong, please email so that I can offer my support in improving further the good relations that the Academy has with the Kingswood community (principal@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org).

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Ultimately our role as an education establishment, is to educate young people academically, culturally and emotionally, to help them grow and prepare them for their next steps in life. We do this by providing a broad and balanced curriculum which includes an enrichment programme of over 40 free clubs and societies. My job along with my senior leadership team is to ensure our staff are supported so that they can do their jobs effectively. We also rely heavily on your support at home, because you play the biggest and incredibly challenging role as parents. In my experience, working together is the best way that we can continue to help your child be successful.

I know that Kingswood is a superb Academy, and I am privileged to be its Principal. I know that Corby is a strong and proud community. May I ask that you continue to offer your full support to the Academy to ensure that we are the strongest possible team to help our young people achieve.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Carlile', written in a cursive style.

Mr G Carlile
Principal