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Dear Parent,

I am delighted to welcome your child back to Alde Valley Academy after what I hope was a relaxing and pleasant Christmas holiday. This promises to be a very busy term as our Year Ten, Eleven and Thirteen students prepare for their examinations. I have no doubt that the success of Alde Valley Academy will continue and its position of being the heart of academic excellence in Suffolk will be further strengthened.

I am particularly excited by the establishment of Suffolk New College on the Coast as this maintains and strengthens post 16 opportunities for young people in the Leiston and the Saxmundham area on the Alde Valley site. It also demonstrates the confidence that exists in Alde Valley Academy and the Leiston community. The prospects of adult education, level one and two vocational courses and apprenticeships can only strengthen the local economy.

As you may be aware, Suffolk County Council is launching a consultation on transport availability in the county. I would request that you refer to the link on the Academy website for details. Dates for the public consultation meetings are also available. I would encourage you to attend these. I would like to re-assure all parents that Bright Tribe, our parent educational trust, is determined to ensure that any child wishing to attend Alde Valley Academy will not be compromised by issues of transport.

The Regional Executive Principal for the Eastern region, Mrs Cassandra Williams is currently absent due to illness. During her absence, I have been asked to support our two Primary Schools in Ipswich and our Secondary Academy in Colchester. This is an excellent opportunity to share expertise and resources and I am therefore very excited by this prospect. During this period, I have asked Mr Mayhew to assume the role of interim Head of School which I am delighted to say that he has agreed to accept. I will continue to be based at Alde Valley Academy but I would request that any queries or contact on Academy matters be referred in the first instance to him.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish all of you a very happy and successful 2018.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Wilson  
Principal

