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Dear parent/carer,

It has been wonderful having your children back and seeing our schools made alive with their energy and enthusiasm.

During this recent period of lockdown the schools across CORE Education Trust have worked closely together to deliver the best possible remote learning experience for our students. In particular, our city centre schools - City Academy at Newhall Street and Langley Walk, and Jewellery Quarter Academy - have formed very strong bonds. As we move forward, we are keen to build on these close ties and to cement the positive collaboration that has emerged.

To that end, I am delighted to tell you that we have appointed Mr Greg Williams to a new role of Senior Headteacher with responsibility for City and Jewellery Quarter Academies. Mr Williams will ensure the students across the two schools, and three sites, benefit from belonging to a bigger community, with better facilities and access to a wider pool of specialist support; lead the strategic direction of the three schools; embed new and enriching opportunities; and build up links across the wider community.

Mr Williams will be supported by three Heads of School: Mrs Rekha Shell-Macleod, Newhall Street; Mrs Rebecca Bakewell, Langley Walk; and Mr Jamie Barton, Jewellery Quarter, who will take up a promotion from his current role as Deputy Head. With this new structure, we are confident our city centre school sites are well placed to deliver on their mission to deliver an excellent education.

We plan to hold an online session for parents to hear from Mr Williams and the team later in the term. Details will be shared with you shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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