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Dear Parents, Guardians and Stakeholders,

As I come to the end of my first full year with Wood Edge Independent School, I would like to take this time to reflect on what has been a progressive and developing time for WEIS as an outstanding educational facility. I have no doubt the vision within the new 'Outreach School Model' will be of great benefit to all the My3 community, to include, new learners enrolling at the school, all young people within My3 care, education staff and all the My3 staff team.

This has been a critical academic year. Working with the SLT & Governors, and through consistent analysis and auditing, the school has developed in all areas. To include the My3 Model of Care Education Therapeutic services; integrating into this model, four new strategic education models; re visiting our qualification schemes (ASDAN, AQA); introducing education / ASDAN champions in each My3 Ofsted & CQC homes and enriching the curriculum, staff knowledge, and skills through a wealth of professional learning, staff induction and training. Our intention is for the school at Wood Edge House to be a central hub providing educational services and support to ensure all the My3 young people, some with complex special education needs, have effective and enjoyable 24-hour learning environments. In April, the Managers across My3 services were invited to a 'WEIS World Café' to launch the new Outreach and Key/Link teacher model. Not only was it fun to have cake and coffee together it was a great opportunity to get their wishes and verbal feedback in order to build an education 'Transition Model' which will specifically support all SEN / ASC students and support our application for Autism Accreditation next term Watch this space!

Throughout the 2021/2022 school year, we have seen the progress of our learners, some who have been out of education for several years, students re-engaging after refusing to attend education, supportive education sessions to students when existing services are in planning stages and we can evidence the impact of other achievements too so that everyone involved with Wood Edge Independent School working together have felt personal pride in their role to achieve these success stories.

Building sustainable partnerships has been key, especially with Edge Hill University Faculty of Education. Yes, thank you very much for use of your wonderful resources, facilities, and for our special award. However, it is the development of meaningful relationships with other professionals that has mattered most. We had a successful student teacher placement who will continue to work with us in Expressive Arts. It was a privilege, as Head Teacher, to be invited to give talks on 'working with SEN / ASC' for all the Edge Hill education students.

Overall, it has been a great school year for WEIS with lots of challenge, change, development and improvement. A warm thank you to everyone for your involvement and support. Wishing you a wonderful summer.

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