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"LIVE, LEARN, LOVE WITH CHRIST"

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School. All the Staff, Governors, Father Nealon and Children have made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to be joining your school community. Being a Mother of two boys, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is evident in all areas.

Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and to meet with Mrs Brown, pupils and staff. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Brown for her support in ensuring the transition to a new Headteacher was as smooth as possible and congratulate her on her retirement.

My priority as interim Head Teacher is to ensure that St. Patrick's continues to aim to become an outstanding school and improves achievement for all children. Not only do I want to get to know the pupils, staff and school community this term but also support the team who work alongside me. This is to ensure we are able to meet the needs of all our pupils to achieve their full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual development.

Within the context of our Catholic belief and practice, our school has developed a set of core values which will continue to underpin all the work we do. These values will have a huge impact as your child develops. They help to deepen your child's positive values and in doing so, help them consider the implications of their choices in relation to themselves, the communities from which they are part and the wider world.

I know how vital working in partnerships with parents really is, in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. I strongly believe achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress. I hope you will support our high expectations in all areas, especially in behaviour and achievement.

I am sure I will be meeting many parents as you bring your children to school over the next few weeks. Please do stop for a quick chat, I will try to recall as many names and faces as I can! Shortly, I also hope to hold a 'Meet the New Headteacher' meeting in order for me to gain a wider knowledge of the parent community. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Lomas