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**St Gregory's**  
Catholic Academy

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**BHCET CEO:** Stuart McGhee

**BHCET Chair of Directors:** Yvonne Coates

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding the leadership arrangements at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.

From January 2026, Mrs Box, Headteacher at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Barnard Castle, will share the leadership of St Gregory's with Mrs Best for the remainder of the academic year. Mrs Box is an experienced Headteacher within our Trust, and both Mrs Box and Mrs Best are very much looking forward to working together and with the whole school community.

We are fortunate that Mrs Best will continue in her role for two days each week, while Mrs Box will divide her time between St Mary's and St Gregory's, providing leadership for the remainder of the week. This arrangement will be in place from January 2026 until the end of August 2026.

The substantive Headteacher post for St Gregory's will be advertised in early Spring for a September start, and we will keep you updated as this process progresses.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs Best, Mrs Box, and both school communities for their unwavering commitment to ensuring that the pupils of both schools remain at the heart of all we do. I am confident that all pupils will continue to thrive and grow under their guidance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr S McGhee**  
**CEO**



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