

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you to introduce myself as the new Head of School at St Mary's Catholic Primary School from 1st September 2024. I know many of you already know me and I would like to thank you all for your kind words and warm wishes.

As many of you are aware, I began teaching at St Mary's in 2011 and have had the opportunity to work across the school in my varied roles with the children and their families. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen. I will strive to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Graham our Executive Head Teacher and Mrs Tumelty our Head of School.

We are also extremely excited to have Mrs Riley starting as Assistant Head in September, we wish her all the best in her new role, we know she will be amazing!

I am extremely passionate about the school and feel extremely proud and honoured to be its next Head of School. I look forward to working very closely with the trust, governors, staff, parents and children to build upon the success that the school already has and to take the school forward in the next phase of its journey. I intend to ensure that St Mary's Catholic Primary School continues with the same ethos, care and family values that it has built up for as long as I have worked here. The school and community are very important to me and I whole heartedly support the Catholic values of St Mary's and the mission statement of 'Work, Play, Pray together.'

It is my belief that every child should have the opportunity to be the best they can be-to enjoy their schooling and achieve as well as they can.

My vision is for all children to leave this school with happy memories and the sense of community, alongside a strong start in their educational journey; giving them the skills and knowledge not only to tackle secondary school but college, university and adulthood.

As always, St Mary's will continue to welcome parents into school to work together to achieve the best for all children. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or if there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life. I hope that together, we can continue to take the school forward and make St Mary's Catholic Primary the best it can be.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support towards the school. I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back into school on the 2nd September 2024.

With kind regards,

Mrs J Colley
Head of School

