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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to Mr Gill's previous letter, here is an update on the leadership arrangements at St Joseph's from September 2021.

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr Mark Dyson as Executive Headteacher. Mr Dyson, previously the Deputy Headteacher at St Joseph's, is currently the Headteacher of The Cathedral School of St Mary where he has been head for 2 and half years. In that time he has transformed the school to the point of it now being oversubscribed for reception places next year.

The role of Executive Head teacher is to provide the same level of excellence over two schools and to be present as the Head providing the leadership to the staff in making sure that your child is gaining the best Catholic education, in gaining the highest level achievable and being rooted in the Gospel values equipping them for life.

At some point in the Summer Term we would like to give you the opportunity to meet Mr Dyson so you can hear directly from him his vision for the school and ask any questions you may have. At this stage, we are hoping that for a limited number of parents this can be done in the hall with any others joining via Zoom. The date for this will be confirmed after the Easter break.

It goes without saying that we owe Mr Gill a huge debt of gratitude for his incredible leadership over the last 17 years. He has had such a positive impact on the life of so many children and he will be sorely missed by the school and all our Catholic Schools. I hope that, Covid permitting, we are able to have a fitting tribute to his time at the school some time in the Summer Term.

This is an exciting time for St Joseph's and I would like to thank you again for your continued support. If you do have any immediate questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school and they will be able to direct your question to the appropriate person.

Yours sincerely,



Neil Maslen  
Education & Standards Manager