



St. Patrick's RC High School A National Teaching School

Executive Principal: Mrs B Rogers CBE

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12th December 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know about leadership changes in school. After many years serving St Patrick's in a leadership capacity, with the last two years as Headteacher, Mrs Wall will not be returning to school because of ill health. The school community is immeasurably richer for her many contributions and I know that you would wish to join me in expressing sincere gratitude. Since September I have taken charge of the day-to-day running of the school and will continue to do that for the remainder of this academic year. I am reminded daily that our girls and boys are special, they are a joy and it is a privilege to serve them.

A real strength of the school is the quality of our teaching and support staff. They continue to enthuse and support me; together we are committed to meeting the needs of every child.

It remains important to work in partnership with parents to create a positive ethos and maintain high standards. I will continue to ask for your support on various issues and I will take opportunities to consult you on matters, which would benefit from your involvement. If you would like to take a look at some of the events that have taken place this term, please visit our website to see the school newsletter – this will be available from early next week.

Arrangements for last day of term

As a fund-raising activity for the Y11 prom, all pupils are allowed to wear a Christmas item on the last day such as a Christmas jumper, tie or headband for a contribution of £1.00. This donation will be collected by senior prefects during form time on the last day.

I would also like to inform you that we will have an early finish for the Christmas break at 1pm on Thursday 22nd December.

School meals will be available as usual.

All buses will be available to take pupils home at this time.

Pupils will return to school on Monday, **9th January 2017** at the normal start time.

I wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas and happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B Rogers CBE