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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the end of this academic year draws near, this is always a bitter-sweet time as we know people are moving on to new and exciting places, but also know that they will leave a gap in our community. This is true of some of our wonderful staff and also of our delightful Year 11 students. We wish them all the very best and ask they keep in touch with their old St Patrick's family back at school in the future. We say goodbye to

Mr Danny Shaw – Head of Science who leaves us to take up the post of Assistant Headteacher at St. Antony's in Urmston, after 8 years at St. Patrick's.

Mr Anthony Campbell – Deputy Headteacher who leaves us to become Headteacher of St. Antony's in Urmston. He is only down the road, so we will call on him all the time!

Miss Charlotte Mills – teacher of Geography and Head of Year 8 who leaves us to pursue a career in hospitality at sea; we wish her the best in her yachting adventures!

Mr James Withington – Head of Music who leaves us to pursue a career in the police force.

Miss Katie O'Leary – Assistant Headteacher (Teaching School) who has taken up the post of Assistant Headteacher at St. Ambrose Barlow.

Mr James Moores – teacher of Computing who leaves us to take up a teaching post at Golborne High School.

Miss Ellie Horner – Teaching Assistant who is going into teacher training.

Mr Daniel Weaver – Head of History who leaves us to take up the post of Head of History at Sandbach High School.

Mr Ismaeel Majeed – teacher of Maths (maternity cover) who is taking up a teaching post in Dubai.

Miss Bethany Chadwick – Teaching Assistant who is going into teacher training.

Miss Emma Stoker – Teaching Assistant who is also going into teacher training.

Miss Morgan Brannagan – Teaching Assistant who is going to study Sports Science at university.

Mrs Ewa Wlokiewicz - Teaching Assistant who takes up a post at Barton Moss.

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We have welcomed back from maternity leave this term **Mrs Rachel Rogers**, who will take up the post of Head of History, and **Mrs Leanne Millar**, who returns to her post of teacher of Maths and Head of Year. We are also happy to announce that **Mr Stuart Mallalieu** will take up the post of Head of Science.

I feel very lucky that I have had the opportunity to lead this wonderful community of pupils, staff and parents and I would like to thank you all for your support and for the part you have played in ensuring our very high standards continue to be preserved. St Patrick's really is an amazing school! Our high standards at St. Patrick's are what ensure that our children are able to spend as much of their time in school learning, and becoming the very best version of themselves; your support, as ever, is absolutely crucial in ensuring this ideal becomes a reality. We know we don't always get everything right and constructive dialogue with you about how to make our school even better is essential to our partnership. Our mobile phone ban trial has gone so well this week; the children have been so mature and it has been lovely seeing them talking more, socialising and playing games. This will be permanent from September.

I know you will be buying new bags and shoes over the summer, please consult our website if you are unsure what is permissible so that we don't have to contact you in September if they aren't the correct ones – we know how heartbreaking it is to waste money on things. We know there are some that are sold as 'school shoes' but we do not accept trainer-style footwear. All pupils should have a proper school bag in which they can hold their planner, pencil case and homework, which are all compulsory equipment for every day. We also ask for your support in ensuring that piercings, jewellery, unnatural colours of hair, excessive make up, false tan and painted/false nails are removed before returning in September; whilst the freedom of the summer holidays allows for some of these things, they are not allowed in school.

There are no changes to the starting time to school for 2022-23. Pupils are expected to be on site at 8.25am and in form by 8.30am. We actively encourage pupils to cycle to school, however I ask that if your child comes to school on a bike that they must be here before 8.25am so as not to inconvenience our site staff who have an important job at that time to safeguard our school site. If your child does bring a bike to school, it is essential that a substantial lock is used to secure the bike; this is their responsibility.

Additionally, can I make you aware that medical appointments should also be made outside of the school day. As of September 2022, any pupil who arrives to school after 9.30am will be given an absent mark for the half day morning session as opposed to a late mark, regardless of reason.

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Therefore, if essential medical appointments have to be made during the school day, can I suggest that they are made late afternoon, otherwise your child's attendance will be adversely affected. Holidays should not be taken during term time and will be unauthorised. Any application for a known absence needs to be made to me in writing.

We close today at 1pm and will reopen to all pupils on Monday 5th September and we look forward to hearing about all their adventures over the summer.

Wishing you a safe, restful and relaxing summer holiday,

God bless,

Ms Gráinne O'Hagan

Acting Headteacher

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