

Tuesday 15th July 2014

Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to let you know about changes to the leadership structure of St Patrick's.

In line with our school improvement plan we have reduced class sizes, recruited the best teachers and benefited from significant investment in our facilities. The investment in our school has all been possible because of the outreach work we do with other schools. As a National Teaching School, we have received funding to support other schools and provide training to teachers and trainee teachers. The demand for our help is increasing and that brings opportunities to bring additional funding and capacity to St Patrick's if managed carefully and strategically.

Following a request from the Diocese of Salford, we have agreed to provide support to a Catholic school in Blackburn which is experiencing difficulties. Mr Murden will become the interim Headteacher for Our Lady and St John, Blackburn. I will provide NLE (National Leader of Education) support to him for part of each week. In addition, I will continue to provide NLE support to a number of schools across our region and coordinate school improvement work in Salford. To ensure that my involvement in this work does not compromise standards at our school I will take an executive role at St Patrick's to oversee strategic planning and develop our Teaching School business from September. I will be the Executive Principal and Mrs Wall will take on the role of Headteacher at St Patrick's, taking responsibility for the day to day leadership and management of the school from September 2014. The school will recruit a new Deputy Headteacher. A number of Teaching Schools are adopting a similar leadership model.

Nothing is more important to me than maintaining our standards and reputation as a centre of educational excellence; this is an opportunity to take the school to a new level by taking advantage of new opportunities. Mrs Wall has been an outstanding Deputy Headteacher and she will have my full support as she moves into a new role with more responsibility.

It remains important to us both to work in partnership with parents. We must continue to create a positive ethos and maintain the highest standards. We will continue to ask for your support and recognise the value of working in partnership with parents.

It remains a privilege to serve our school community. We are lucky - the young people who attend St Patrick's are a joy and I know that is because they come from good homes with high standards and expectations and they have had the best of starts educationally in one of our excellent primary schools.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B Rogers". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop for the 'R'.

Mrs B Rogers
Headteacher