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We Grow and Learn with Jesus

Acting Headteacher Elaine Harrold

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new Headteacher of St Anthony's Catholic Primary School. I will continue in my role as Acting Headteacher until 1st April when my new role will take effect.

From my experience of being a Deputy Head for 20 years, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. I hold very dearly the Gospel values which permeate every aspect of school life at St Anthony's. I want to continue to strengthen the links between local parishes such as Holy Rood and St Bede's.

I feel extremely fortunate to have a highly, experienced, dedicated and hardworking staff team. The staff have been incredibly supportive of me during the last few weeks since taking on the role of Acting Head and I could not wish to work with a better team of colleagues.

I am well aware of the huge contribution parents make to children's achievements at school, and I want to develop the relationship between the school and parents for everyone's benefit. I know the parents at St Anthony's are under a lot of pressure with work and in particular at the moment I appreciate how hard parents are working to support their children with home learning. You are all doing an excellent job to cope under a lot of pressure, stress and anxiety.

Lastly, but most importantly, I want to pay tribute to the children of St Anthony's School. They are the reason I decided to apply for the role. I thought long and hard about applying for the role but when I spend time with the children I know that I want to strive to give them the best education possible. I love the diversity of our school and how the children all get along so well together.

I always tell people that teaching at times can be difficult but I would not wish to do any other job. It's a privilege to support children as they continue on their faith journey during their time at St Anthony's.

I look forward to the day when we can all be together again in school. As soon as I hear any information about start dates I will contact parents immediately.

God bless and take care,

Elaine Harrold

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