



23rd December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to write to you before Christmas and the New Year to thank you for everything you brought to my life during my time at Holy Rosary and to formally say 'goodbye'.

I came to Holy Rosary in September 2015 as Deputy Headteacher, teaching first in Year 4 and then in Year 2. I took on the Acting Headteacher role in March 2017 and set to work straight away building and developing the strong community we see and feel today.

Back in November 2017, I remember one parent saying to me on the gate one morning, 'I think there's no better time for my child to attend Holy Rosary.' At the time, I was totally overwhelmed by the generosity of this comment and over the years, I regularly thought about what the parent said as I worked hard to improve the school with our team of staff. Incidentally, I actually disagree with the parent now – I feel that **now** there's no better time for children to attend Holy Rosary and I'm so excited about their future at the school.

During my time at Holy Rosary, it has been a privilege to listen closely to staff, pupils and parents, in order to truly hear what we can do differently to improve outcomes for pupils and their families. This process of listening and then acting has led to rapid developments at Holy Rosary and I have been so impressed on too many occasions to mention with the openness, adaptability and professionalism of our school staff to implement the necessary changes.

There have been so many highlights that I will remember as I move on from Holy Rosary. These highlights include: enabling pupils to take leadership roles in so many areas of the school, developing the environment and outdoor areas to support high-quality teaching and learning, strengthening our approach to the welfare of pupils and their families to provide the best possible conditions for good social and academic outcomes, and working successfully with staff and parents to move many other areas of the school forward.

I want to thank Mrs Dyche for her unwavering support over the last 6 years – Mrs Dyche has been one of the main driving forces behind the school's development and I am confident that under her leadership, supported by Miss Mulligan as Acting Deputy Headteacher, Holy Rosary will continue to make great progress and to thrive. I am so pleased that Mrs Dyche's efforts were recognised in the most recent Section 48 DCI report, which she shared with you on Tuesday.



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I will miss so much about Holy Rosary; however, I am looking forward to the challenges I will face at St Alban's and supporting another community within the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust to become as strong as ours.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, a happy New Year and that the future of the Holy Rosary community is full of joy and success.

With best wishes,

Mr Tim Brogan
Headteacher