



27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well and able to cope with all the challenges we are facing at this time.

In September 2018, I was asked by Salford Diocese to help set up and establish Romero Catholic Academy Trust which is an organisation currently responsible for six schools in this part of the Diocese, but is expected to increase in size quite rapidly.

Because of the growth of the Trust, there was a pressing need for a person to be appointed to the permanent role of Chief Executive Officer. Following a selection process, I was offered this post, and as a result, I will be leaving my position as Headteacher of St Bede's in the summer with a new Headteacher in place for September 2021.

Having joined the school in 1997 as Deputy Headteacher and then becoming Headteacher in 2008, St Bede's has been an important part of my life and it has been a difficult decision to make to leave. However, I believe the school is well placed to continue to move forward with new leadership. As the governors will be starting the process of appointing a new headteacher I wanted to formally let you as parents and carers know of this news.

St Bede's is a wonderful school and I feel very privileged to have been part of this community but it is a such a good school because of its dedicated and talented staff, supportive parents and of course, amazing pupils. Although no school is guaranteed to be successful in the future, with such good foundations, St Bede's is very well placed to continue to be so.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher