



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you and your families are well.

As you know, our school is part of The Diocese of Westminster Academy Trust (DoWAT). We are a high performing Catholic multi-academy trust educating and caring for more than 8,500 students across 11 schools in Hertfordshire and North West London.

We would like to let you know that as our schools operate as one organisation within the trust, DOWAT has appointed Patrick Murden as the new Chief Executive. He is joining our Trust from St Patrick's National Teaching School and Catholic Collaborative in Manchester. During his time as Executive Principal at St Patrick's, the school sustained and grew its well established reputation for excellence, supporting schools and the wider education system towards continued improvement and better outcomes for pupils.

He will now build on our strong foundations to deliver an excellent 21st century education and uphold traditional Catholic values across our family of schools. He will be leading the trust and working with our school to support our continued improvement so that our children and young people achieve their best.

We would also like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to DoWAT's Interim CEO, Raymond Friel, who has provided strength and support to our schools during the Covid-19 crisis.

To find out more about DoWAT, please visit www.dowat.co.uk.

Best wishes,

Julia Pearce
Head Teacher

