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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you that Paul Ackers is leaving his role as Executive Headteacher at Saint Mary's at the end of this academic year to take up a post closer to home. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul for all of his hard work at Saint Mary's. Although we will be sorry to see him go, we would like to wish him all the best for the future.

From September, Bernie Quirke, who is currently Headteacher at St Charles' Catholic Voluntary Academy in Hadfield, will become Executive Headteacher across St Charles' and Saint Mary's. Mrs Rudd will continue as Head of School and this arrangement will be in place for one year.

Mrs Quirke is an extremely experienced Headteacher and her school, St Charles', has recently achieved a 'Good' rating from Ofsted, like Saint Mary's. Mrs Quirke has also supported other local Trust schools through inspections. We have had a number of similar arrangements with Executive Headteachers across schools in the Trust and they have been very positive.

Mrs Quirke will be working closely with Mrs Rudd, staff, governors and the Trust to ensure that your child continues to receive the best Catholic education and care.

God Bless,

Kevin Gritton

Chief Executive Officer

