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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am extremely proud to be writing to you as the Headteacher of St Anne's Roman Catholic Primary School. It is a tremendous privilege to have been chosen to continue and build upon the success the school has already achieved under the superb leadership of Mrs Gaffney. Having worked at St Anne's for six years I feel I have built strong relationships with children, staff, parents/carers, parish priests and governors and am aware of what a truly special place St Anne's is.

My vision for the children of St Anne's is rooted in our Mission Statement: "To help every person here to achieve his or her best in work and in play. To celebrate whatever is good and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by supporting and forgiving each other, for the honour and glory of God." I believe that school should be a happy, safe, spiritual, caring, respectful and hardworking environment, in which all staff value children as individuals made in the image and likeness of God. As a Catholic leader in a Catholic school, I understand that each day I touch the mind and heart of God in our children. It is our role to develop the children's minds, reason and their hearts-as Pope Francis says, 'Our role is nothing less than to help children grow in their humanity.' Our exceptional staff, visionary governing board and supportive parish of St Anne's has together helped create conditions to nurture spiritually and grow in faith.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and governors at St Anne's, in particular Ms Nally, for their continued hard work whilst I have been looking after my daughter Ophelia at home. I would also like to thank the parents and carers for their lovely comments and good wishes on my two new roles: mother and Headteacher. Your kind words have meant so much to me. I am very much looking forward to sharing your child's journey at St Anne's with you and watching them flourish. You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best learning environment for all members of the St Anne's family. My door is open and I will always make time to speak to parents and carers so I look forward to hearing from you. I wish you all a happy and holy Easter with your family.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Duffy  
Headteacher