



# The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

"As the Family of Jesus, we learn and love together"



28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

Dear Parents,

I wrote to you in September advising that I would keep you updated with the recruitment of a new Executive Headteacher and I am delighted to announce that Governors have appointed Mr Darren McCann to the post.

Mr McCann is currently the Headteacher of St Ambrose Barlow where he has led the school to great success. He has also been our Interim Executive Headteacher since July and I know that since being at our schools he has spent time with children, staff and parents and has been deeply impressed with the core strengths of the schools and excited by the opportunities to achieve greater successes in the future.

We were looking for a remarkable Executive Headteacher who would be committed to the success of our happy and friendly schools and I have absolute confidence that Mr McCann has all the qualities to be that Executive Headteacher. He was tested by a demanding whole day interview process which was assessed by a team of governors and advisors from the archdiocese and the local authority. Mr McCann's appointment was made without reservation and I am confident that he is the right person to take our schools onto the next stage of its development and our schools could not be in safer hands.

Mr McCann is due to begin his full time position on 1 January 2019. However, negotiations are in place for a sooner start date, but in the meantime he will continue supporting our school as he does now.

This is an exciting time for the Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support to our schools and welcome Mr McCann to the family of St Mary's.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs V Wells  
Chair of Governors

