



# St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of St Anthony's Catholic Primary School. I am very excited to be in post and I feel extremely privileged to be taking over from such an inspirational school leader as Mr. Ward.

I have had many years of experience in education; as a teacher, trainer of teachers, Deputy Head and, for the last twelve years, as Headteacher. I have been lucky to work in good and outstanding schools which have influenced my educational philosophy; schools that believe education is about developing the whole person socially, emotionally and spiritually, as well as academically.

I believe that St Anthony's is a transformational place of learning and I will work tirelessly to ensure our children are taught to recognise the gifts they carry. Our purpose of education is to teach children to look at the world with the eyes of Christ and to challenge the injustice in everyday life. By educating our children with the understanding of moral values, justice, love and forgiveness in the way we treat each other, as well as pursuing outstanding achievement, we arm them with the tools to be the future change makers.

Since July 2015, Mr. Ward and I have been working closely to ensure that I have a sound knowledge of your children, the staff and the whole school community, to make sure the transition process is smooth and successful, and its Catholic family ethos remains strong.

Personally, as a mum of two, I am aware of the many challenges faced when raising a young family, and I want you to know I am here to help and encourage your child to excel through their readiness and enjoyment of learning as a result of the excellent provision put in place at this school. Family and the parish community are extremely important to me, and I look forward to developing close links with all families, supporting you in any way I can.

I strongly believe that parental involvement is vital to the happiness and development of our children, and I look forward to getting to know you and working with you throughout your child(ren)'s education.

Yours faithfully,

**Cheryl Fox**  
Headteacher

*"Journeying together with Jesus Christ  
We learn to love and love to learn"*