

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome to Mrs Helen Armstrong, our new Executive Headteacher**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Executive Headteacher to replace Mrs Crane, who will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term.

Mrs Helen Armstrong is currently the Headteacher of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Poole, Dorset. She brings a wealth of experience of leadership in Catholic schools and we are very much looking forward to working with her.

As our new Executive Head, Mrs Armstrong will oversee St Mary and St Peter Primary School, Gorleston, and St Mary's Primary School, Lowestoft, and will continue to develop a strong partnership between the two schools. Meanwhile, we continue the search for a Head of School for St Mary and St Peter, and hope to make an announcement in due course.

Mrs Armstrong will be joining us after the February half-term. We have therefore made transitional arrangements for the first half of the spring term, in order to ensure strong continuity. We shall be welcoming Mr Alan Williams to fulfil the crucial role of Interim Headteacher. Miss Sarah Cullum will be Acting Assistant Headteacher, and Miss Danielle Melton will be Acting Senior Teacher.

Mrs Sam Barlow, Executive Headteacher of the Catholic Schools of the Waveney Valley, will be providing an additional level of help. We are grateful to her and to all other members of the St John the Baptist Multi Academy Trust who will be lending their support during this important handover period.

Kind regards

Mr John Harris  
Chair of Governors

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