



ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Learning, living and loving one another in God's name

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Executive Headteacher: Miss C Gardner

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself to you as the new substantive headteacher at St Stephen's from September. This will be my third headteacher post when I join you all. I led a Catholic school in Nelson, Lancashire for seven years and then Sacred Heart, Ilkley for the last seven years.

I live locally and enjoy making the most of our beautiful countryside at weekends, walking my dog and visiting friends.

I am aware that another change to the school's leadership may be unsettling to some of you, please be assured that I am making a personal commitment to St Stephen's children, staff and families for the foreseeable future. Your school deserves to benefit from the extensive experience that I will bring and I am looking forward to getting to know you all as part of the 'St Stephen's family.' To start that process I shall be in school on Monday 15th July all day. There will be a Collective Worship at 9.10am to which you are all invited and afterwards tea and biscuits will be provided and I shall be available to chat to as many of you as possible.

Please be aware that there will be further changes in September as I arrive:

The school will have a Deputy Headteacher in post.

The classes will be reduced by one for the coming year and will be arranged as follows:

Foundation stage

Y1/2

Y2/3

Y3/4

Y4/5

Y6

The make-up of the classes will be based on the needs of the children within the year groups and the class lists will be confirmed next week.

Miss Gardner and Mrs Hogan are working on them currently in discussion with the class teachers.

Mr Darren Beardsley, the CEO of the Bishop Wheeler Trust sends his best wishes and is also looking forward to meeting your children when he visits St Stephen's over the coming year.

We both would like to formally thank Miss Gardner, on behalf of the Trust, for her commitment to supporting Mr Pye with improving the educational provision at St Stephen's over the last 2 years. Also to Mrs Hogan for her willingness to assist Miss Gardner at short notice.

Best wishes,

Alixena Lubomski

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Headteacher of St Stephen's from September 2019.

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