



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New School year. My prayers are with the whole community of St Joseph's as we hopefully return to more 'normal' times and less disruption to all our daily lives because of the pandemic. I continue to pray for all those who have been affected by this terrible virus in so many ways.

My name is Simon Geaves and I am the new Executive Head Teacher here at St Joseph's Primary School and also at St Paulinus Catholic Primary School in Guisborough. I have been the Head Teacher at St Paulinus for 9 years and have worked closely with Alison Toward in that time and know a little about the school already. It is a privilege to have been appointed as Executive Head Teacher of both schools as I am committed to providing every child with the opportunity to succeed whilst at Primary School. My entire career has been spent in Catholic Education and I look forward to getting to know the families of St Joseph's in time.

I have already had a busy summer getting ready for this position and have had regular meetings with Mrs Toward and Miss Wright. Today, I have introduced myself to all the children and I can already tell this is a very special place. I have had some brilliant chats with the children at break and lunchtime.

Whilst my position is different to the one held by Mrs Toward my commitment to the school is unwavering. As I will need to share my time across two schools I am delighted that Miss Wright will be able to make sure the school continues to go from strength to strength whilst I might be in Guisborough. My first priority this half-term though is certainly getting to know you all.

As you know a fond farewell was given to Mrs Toward who retired before the Summer Break after many years of service to the school as Head Teacher. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for a long, happy and restful retirement. I am very grateful for the wonderful position that she has left the school in.

I plan to be outside at the gate in the morning please pop over and say hello!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Geaves
Executive Head Teacher

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