Letter to Parents / Guardians

31st March 2017

Leadership of Thomas More Catholic School

I am writing to advise you of a change in the leadership structure of the school following the retirement of Ms Margaret Mulchrone, Head teacher, who finishes today Friday 31st March 2017.

Mrs Ruth Holden has been appointed Executive Headteacher, and will take up her duties on the 1st June 2017. She will formally introduce herself after Easter. She is the current Headteacher of Bonus Pastor Catholic College in Lewisham, and will spend 3 days a week at our school. This appointment is, in the first instance, until August 2018.

Mrs Ruth Holden attended School and University in London, and has lived and worked in London her entire life. She worked in private banking in central London for nine years and then in Education for the last twenty years. Mrs Holden has been Headteacher of Bonus Pastor Catholic College in Lewisham for the last ten years, but was also asked to be Headteacher of Sydenham School for a year, which she did successfully. Mrs Holden has worked in three different London Boroughs, five different schools, has been Chair of Secondary Headteachers in Lewisham for the last three years and is experienced at dealing with all matters relating to schools and children and families.

In addition to the Executive Headteacher, Ms Josephine Okokon, current Deputy Headteacher here, has been appointed Head of School and will be full-time. She will take up her post on the 1st April 2017. Ms Okokon joined our school in 2014. She has worked in four London Boroughs and five different schools, this includes successfully working in senior leadership roles for the last ten years.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank Ms Mulchrone for her hard work and dedication, not only for her work at this school but also for her work at the other schools whose children she has taught, and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Finally and again on behalf of the Governing Body, I congratulate both Mrs Holden and Ms Okokon on their appointments, and wish them every success in their important new roles.

Yours faithfully

Peter R C McFall Chair of Governors