

CHR/BAP
13th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will have read in the Chair of Governor's letter dated 12th October, I am now Acting Headteacher at St Michael's. Whilst many of you will know me already, I thought I should just give you a brief overview: I joined St Michael's in 2006 as a Teacher of ICT and was subsequently appointed to Head of Department (2008), Assistant Headteacher (2012) and Deputy Headteacher (2014); I was appointed to my most recent role as Senior Deputy Headteacher in 2020.

Mrs Gray was a highly-valued colleague and mentor and I am deeply saddened by the circumstances that have led to my appointment. I am sure some of you, understandably, might be feeling nervous about the change in leadership; I want to assure all pupils and parents that it is my intention to forge ahead with Mrs Gray's vision and strategic direction in getting our school to Outstanding, whilst upholding the ethos and values she embodied. It is not my intention to make any policy or procedural changes at this time. Our immediate priority over the next few weeks is the emotional welfare of staff and students.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support at this difficult time; I look forward to working with you.

Yours faithfully,



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