



ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

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It is a pleasure to welcome you all back after the summer holiday. I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed some quality family time with your child/children.

As a school community with a strong Catholic Faith our ethos and code of conduct defines us. With this in mind, you may be aware that a member of staff has been the focus of both social media and media attention over the last few weeks. The school's name and reputation has been compromised and this is something myself and the Academy Committee take very seriously. Please be assured that a full investigation is taking place into this matter.

In the meantime, I wish to inform Year 2 parents that Year 2 will be taught by Mrs J Bolton, for the foreseeable future. Mrs Bolton is an experienced Catholic teacher. The class will also benefit from having Mrs W Shilton, an experienced classroom practitioner. The children's education and learning is our priority and I will as always closely monitor the progress of all the children.

Please be assured the school prides itself in providing an excellent quality of provision consequently ensuring high standards. The staff including myself work hard to achieve this, therefore can I request that all of us seek to minimise the impact of the recent attention. Let us be mindful of our children and their perceptions of events and adult conversations. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

I do hope you like the added extension to our nursery, this will provide much needed extra space for outdoor learning, a key feature of the Early Years curriculum. We will continue to monitor access around the building and hope the new addition does not cause us too many problems. During the holidays the school has also benefited from repairs to the external and internal steps in and around the KS2 entrance.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership together to ensure your child/children are happy, safe and secure at St Gregory's School. Our school motto of 'loving and learning' reminds us to: To love all those with whom we come into contact as taught to us by Jesus through the Gospels and to learn to the best of our ability using our God given talents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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