



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's that time of year again when we celebrate the fabulous achievements of our children and the gift of this Catholic school community. Thank you to all of our parents and families who contribute so much in ensuring that our school is a place where everyone feels welcome and loved.

We wish our amazing Year 6 children a very happy, hopeful and successful future. We feel so much pride and joy when we see them leave and we wish each and every one of them a happy and successful future. We pray that they continue to flourish under the care of their new teachers and schools.

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Miles who will be moving on to teach High School maths. Mr Miles has been a long serving and valued member of staff since 2013 and we will be so sad to see him go but delighted he will be experiencing new challenges which he has always enjoyed.

Mrs Carway will be retiring and enjoying a more relaxed pace of life from September. Mrs Carway has been supporting our children at Sacred Heart for 28 years. We thank her for her care and kindness for so long and wish her a joyful retirement.

We also say a sad farewell to Mrs Petticrew and Miss Sword as they both move on to pastures new. We thank them also for their dedication to the children and families at Sacred Heart.

Mr Miles, Mrs Carway, Miss Sword and Mrs Petticrew have all made a significant impact on the development of the school and on the lives of our children and the wider community. They all deserve these new opportunities in the recognition of their skills, compassion and dedication to Catholic education. They are ready to take on new roles and make a difference to even more young lives throughout Manchester and beyond, serving God as they know best.

As we say good bye to some good friends and dedicated staff, we also say hello to new people and offer them a warm welcome. Miss Chaudhry, Miss Mills, Mrs McGovern and Miss Nathan will be joining our Sacred Heart team. They have already met the children and have been preparing for their September start. I know they will receive the usual warm welcome from all within our school community.

Thank you to all our parents, carers, teachers, teaching assistants, office, kitchen, cleaning and lunchtime staff, Fr Kevin, our governors and our many volunteers. You make our school a special place and through your work, love and prayers, our whole community continues to flourish and grow.

Finally, I can hardly believe that I won't be here at Sacred Heart in September as I also move onto a new life with fewer responsibilities (I hope!). I truly can not thank you all enough for your love and kindness over the years and for enabling me to be a part of your children's lives. I joined the school in 2007 and Sacred Heart quickly became a significant and wonderful part of my life. Each and every day I have thanked God for the privilege of being the Headteacher and it will take time to get used to a life without this beautiful community at the centre; you will always be in my heart and in my prayers.

Thank you and God bless,

Mrs Walker

