



**Bishop Chadwick**  
Catholic Education Trust

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As 2021 comes to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your children for your ongoing support.

I reflect back with pride at the way in which we have supported each other through many challenges this year, starting very early in the new year with lockdown, and at Our Lady of Lourdes, huge heating problems. Throughout the year, it has been so lovely to see resilience, determination, care and friendship shown in our schools, not least by our wonderful children.

Whilst the year has had some challenges, both schools have continued to prioritise creating a welcoming, nurturing, happy and safe environment for the children and we have all made some treasured memories along the way. Leading up to Christmas, there has been a wonderful 'buzz' in both schools, and while we were disappointed not to be able to invite you into school to watch the Christmas performances, I think that you will agree, the recordings show our children enthusiastic, respectful and excited!

As we move into 2022, we look forward to seeing the children continue to grow, learn and thrive in our federated schools. We will continue to strive for excellence in all ways, treating every child as unique and precious. There is no doubt, 2022 will bring some further challenges, but I am confident that we will continue to approach everything that comes our way with positivity, and as always with the children at the heart.

I would like to thank all the staff, in every role, for their hard work in 2021. Without truly dedicated staff, we would not have such special schools.

On behalf of the staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and wish you all the best for a healthy and happy new year.

A reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

All the best.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Ashton  
Executive Headteacher