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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming change in school leadership, which will take effect from Monday 19th May. While I will continue in my role as Executive Headteacher of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph's, I have been asked by Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust to take on the position of Acting Headteacher at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Horden. Whilst this is a temporary arrangement, please be assured that I remain fully committed to our schools and will continue to provide leadership and support.

At St Joseph's, the dedication and expertise of the leadership team will ensure continuity, stability, and the highest standard of education and care for our children. I will continue to work closely with Mr Fannan and remain actively involved in the strategic leadership of our school.

We remain committed to delivering a distinctive education rooted in our caring Christian community, where every pupil is valued, supported, and inspired to grow in confidence, faith, and learning

If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton  
Executive Headteacher