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Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know that there will be some interim changes in school leadership at St Thomas Becket Catholic School from January 2027 until the end of the summer term.

Mr Paul McCahill has been invited to take up an interim position as Executive Headteacher across the two secondary schools in Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust. This means that he will retain overall responsibility for St Thomas Becket, but he will divide his time between the two Catholic secondary schools he is overseeing. We are delighted to be able to retain Mr McCahill's expertise at St Thomas Becket, whilst also giving him the opportunity to progress professionally.

Day to day, the operational running of the school will be taken on by Mrs Gillian Walsh, who will step into an interim Head of School role. As Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Walsh already leads on Teaching and Learning at the school and has strong experience of school leadership. Mrs Walsh is ably supported by a very committed senior leadership team and together, they will enable excellent continuity for our school community during this period.

We are confident that the new interim leadership arrangements will fully maintain the high standards and Catholic ethos of our school.

We look forward to another successful year at St Thomas Becket.

God bless.

Catherine Burnham
Chief Executive Officer
Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust

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