

Wednesday 15th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of St Adrian's,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to another academic year and with much excitement that I would like to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of St Adrian's, commencing January 2022.

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and managed to get away or to spend some time with your families. It has been a very turbulent past eighteen months because of restrictions but I hope and pray that we can all look forward to brighter times ahead.

It was with great delight that I accepted the post of Headteacher in July this year and I am very much looking forward to becoming part of St Adrian's community in January. I have held many leadership roles over the years and recently was the Head of School at St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Junior School before its merge to a through primary school.

Coming from a small village in Northern Ireland, to then teach in Leeds, London and currently St Albans, the sense of belonging to a community is of paramount importance to me. Having only worked in Catholic education, that sense of unity that one experiences in a Catholic setting is immeasurable and I will have the privilege to join you in your already thriving community in the New Year.

Your school Mission Statement, 'To learn, to love, to live as a community of God with Christ as our teacher' is what drew me to St Adrian's and having visited the school, I felt that I would relish the opportunity to continue to forge those links with the whole school community. It is with anticipation, that I look forward to getting to know all your wonderful children and to welcome you, once more, back onto the school grounds and to continue to rebuild the school community after all the restrictions.

This term, I will meet with Mr Bedford who has already done a fantastic job of making me feel very welcomed, as too has Mrs Moroney and all the governors. We all wish to ensure that there is a thorough handover to enable me to take up my post in January. I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of your children through visits and I am getting to know them and the staff.

I am delighted to have been invited to the Mercy Mass and picnic this Friday and I very much look forward to meeting many of you there. If you are unable to attend the Mass, please be assured that I will hold coffee mornings in the Spring term, where we can all get to know one another better.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs A Porter