

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

& Little Lambs Nursery



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now half a term into the new school year, hopefully everyone is settling in to life at St Pius X. The Governors are immensely proud of our school, staff and children and are delighted that some many of you made the decision to enroll your children with us. On behalf of the Governors I offer you all a warm welcome.

As well as our new pupils and their families, we also welcome our new staff members.

Miss Speirs and Miss Brennan (Nursery Teaching Assistants), Miss Wright (Y1 Teacher), Mrs Ward (Assistant Head Teacher), Miss Haslam and Mrs Mason (Year 5 Teaching Assistants), Miss Nicholson (Cleaner), Mrs Deakin (Orion - Kitchen Team Member), Mrs Sue Mallinson (Education Welfare Officer from St Bernard's). We are so lucky to have such an amazingly hard working and dedicated staff and the appointments we have made will ensure this is maintained.

We have also had a number of changes to the Governing Body since my last letter. We would like to thank the governors who have recently stepped down for all they have done, they have all played a vital role in taking our school forward, creating the safe and happy place it is today for our children to learn. Our new Governors are Chelsea Fittes (Foundation), Nicola Johnson (Foundation), Pamela Duncan (Foundation), Rachel Finlayson (Parent), Beverley Morgan (Local Authority), Matthew Marshall (Staff), Kerry Ward (Associate).

Governors are elected and appointed, a role which is not only voluntary but subjected to statutory requirements and inspection. We thank them all for offering up their time for the good of our school. You may wonder what governors do? The governance role is a strategic one, setting the vision for the school, delegating the day to day decision making to the Head teacher and staff.

Governors in a Roman Catholic school are responsible for the appointment and employment of staff as well as financial solvency, school ethos, and educational standards. All school governors are judged by Ofsted as part of the school leadership team.

On the subject of Ofsted, we are expecting a full inspection this year, as it was postponed last year due to the pandemic. We did receive a very positive monitoring inspection in March 2021 and look forward to showing the inspectors the progress we have made in recent years.

The number of children on role at St Pius X continues to rise, 226 children now attend our school from Nursery to Year 6, which is fantastic, with many of our classes now at capacity. With growing numbers, we continue to work to improve the school environment. To keep you all up to date, we have submitted a bid to

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reconfigure Year 2, Year3, Year 4 & Year 6 classrooms to allow for more space to accommodate our thriving school and its increasing numbers.

In addition, the infant adventure trail is nearing completion and we are also hoping for an outdoor stage, fixed outdoor gym equipment and an improved Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) outdoor area.

We would like to thank everyone for their hard work and valued contributions to school life. We look forward to another year of your support, working in partnership together we can make positive steps to make our school successful in every aspect; in doing so we are giving our children the greatest opportunities to support them in their learning journey.

Kind regards,

David Gallagher. (Chair of Governors).