



St. John's R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Governing Board of St John's RC Primary School have been informed by Mr Unsworth of his decision to retire at the end of this calendar year, 31st December 2023.

Mr Unsworth joined the school in September 2014, and with his team has led the school through many changes, as recognised in two highly successful Ofsted inspections and an 'Outstanding' judgement from the Catholic Schools Inspection team. Fr Michael and I, along with the full governing board, have worked closely with Mr Unsworth, Mrs Campbell and the senior team to make St John's a happy, safe and effective school that supports all its pupils and their families.

The governing board are currently working very hard to appoint a new headteacher to lead the school from 1st January 2024. We are being supported in this by the Diocese of Salford and by Rochdale local authority, and I can give you my personal assurance that the governors will not rest until we are able to appoint a high-quality candidate to lead the excellent provision you have come to expect at St John's.

I am sure that Mr Unsworth will write to you prior to his retirement, but in the meantime please be assured that the excellent educational opportunities provided by St John's will continue uninterrupted.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Skilling
Chair of Governors