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Dear Parents and Carers

Head of School Appointment

As you may be aware, our Head of School, Mrs Sutherland is retiring this year after 36-years of service at the school. Following an intensive recruitment process to replace Mrs Sutherland, spread over two days, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Sarah White, a former pupil at our school, has been appointed as substantive Head of School at Our Lady of the Rosary, Peterlee from 01 September 2024.

The recruitment of a permanent Head of School is one of the most important appointments a school makes. A special appointment panel involving Directors of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust, Standards Officers, a Diocesan Recruitment Advisor and myself were involved in the process. There were focused panel interviews and several tasks in addition to a presentation, where the candidate outlined her ambition for our school.

Already highly respected within the school and wider community, Mrs White is passionate about our school and is ambitious that every student achieves their full potential and leaves school with the skills, knowledge, values and moral purpose to live their lives to the full.

Mrs White will write to you herself in due course, both to formally introduce herself and share her vision for our collective vision of 'Children at the heart'.

With Mrs White's appointment, and the skills, drive, energy and commitment she will bring to her leadership, we can be optimistic about a strong, stable and successful future. I'm sure you will welcome Mrs White in her new role and ask you to keep her, and all our school community, in your prayers at this time of transition.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Nicol
Chair of Governors