



18th December 2018

To the parents of St Marys, Glossop

Dear Parent /carer

As you will be aware Mr Groarke, the Headteacher has now been absent for a considerable period of time. Mrs Rudd has been acting Headteacher during this period, however the school is in Special Measures and does need strong and stable leadership at this moment in time. It has been decided to appoint an Executive Headteacher, Mr Paul Ackers to the school. He will divide his time between his current school, St John Fisher, Derby and St Mary's Glossop. Mr Ackers will start this 0.5 role from 1st January and continue in this role until 31 August 2019.

Mr Ackers is an exceptional Headteacher who has led two very successful Catholic schools and I do not doubt he has the knowledge and experience required to lead St Mary's. When Mr Ackers is not in school, Mrs Rudd will continue in the acting Headteacher capacity until Mr Groarke returns. This appointment will also mean that Mrs Rudd will be able to spend more time in the classroom.

I know that Mr Ackers will want to communicate with parents on taking up this new role and I trust he will have all your support in the coming months.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you every blessing and happiness as we approach this season of Advent.

Yours sincerely

Sean McClafferty (CEO)
St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

