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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well as we approach the final weeks of the academic year.

Following the lovely announcement by Mr Ronan and the St Benedict Catholic Academy Trust last month, I wanted to write to you directly to express how deeply honoured and thrilled I am to be stepping into the role of Headteacher at St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School this September.

Over the last few weeks, I have had the privilege of spending time at the school, working closely with Mr Skehan on a thorough handover to ensure a smooth, stable, and seamless transition. Even in these brief visits, the vibrant faith, warmth, and dedication of the St Thomas Becket community have shone through brilliantly.

As a leader, my vision is firmly rooted in the principles of Catholic servant leadership. I am deeply committed to ensuring that our school remains an inclusive, high-quality learning environment where every single child is nurtured, challenged, and supported to reach their fullest potential. I look forward to building closely upon the fantastic strengths already in place, working hand-in-hand with the talented staff, the local board, parish and, most importantly, you and your children.

When the new term begins in September, my immediate priority will be visibility and connection. I will be out on the school gates every morning and afternoon, and I am genuinely eager to start getting to know you and your children personally. As mentioned by the Trust, we will also be hosting an informal coffee morning in the Autumn Term, so keep an eye out for communication regarding this.

For now, I would like to wish you, your children, and your families a wonderful, restful, and safe summer holiday. I look forward to walking this exciting next chapter with you all.

Yours sincerely,

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**Mrs L Chabvuka**