



St Thomas Becket

Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher appointment at St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School

Dear parent/carers,

The Governing Body is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Diarmuid Skehan to succeed as Headteacher of our school following the retirement of Mr Campbell at the end of the autumn term 2022.

During a rigorous selection process, involving Fr Keith, governors and representatives of the Diocese, Mr Skehan stood out as an exceptional candidate and was the unanimous choice of all members of the selection panel.

Mr Skehan is currently head teacher at St Aidan's Catholic Primary School in Coulsdon. He will be joining us in January 2023 but will be in close communication with Mr Campbell and the Governing Body over the coming months to ensure a successful handover in January 2023.

Mr Skehan is a highly regarded Headteacher, within our Catholic Umbrella Trust of schools and has worked closely with all our Croydon Catholic schools over many years.

Mr Skehan he has written to me and I feel it is appropriate to share his thoughts and comments with regard to being appointed to work with our community on the next stage of the educational journey for our school. His thoughts and comments are *"I feel honoured and blessed to have been appointed to be the new Headteacher of St Thomas Becket. I feel that I already know your school community well through the work that our Croydon Catholic schools do together and I have always greatly admired the ability, determination & attitude of your children whenever I meet them. It will truly be a privilege to be the new Headteacher of your school. I hope to have the opportunity to meet with you during the autumn term before I start officially in January 2023 and until then, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer break."*

With Mr Skehan's appointment we can be very optimistic that our school will continue to be strong, stable and successful and I know that he is already looking forward to meeting with children, staff and parents and sharing his vision for the future.

Yours sincerely

Mark Humphreys

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Chair of Governors

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