

20 March 2019

Dear Community of St. Mary's, Penzance and St. Mary's, Falmouth

Appointment of Interim Executive Head Teacher

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Demelza Bolton, currently the Headteacher of St. Mary's in Penzance, has been appointed to the post of Interim Executive Headteacher of St. Mary's, Penzance and St. Mary's, Falmouth, with effect from 1 September 2019, for a period of one year.

I would like to thank Fr Brian Kenwick and Mr Gareth Churcher, members of the local governing board of St. Mary's, Falmouth, for their support during the selection process. Thanks also to Fr Mark O'Keefe, the Bishop's Delegate for Education, who was also in attendance.

We decided to go for an Interim Executive Headship to give Mrs Bolton, our preferred candidate, the opportunity to set up a new leadership arrangement for both schools. We will then have an opportunity to review the arrangements in December or early January and decide if we wish to continue with an executive headship or consider other options.

In the meantime, I would like to assure the school community of St. Mary's, Penzance, that Mrs Bolton and the senior leadership at CAST is committed to ensuring that the school continues its remarkable journey of improvement.

Likewise, the school community of St. Mary's, Falmouth, led for many years with such distinction and success by Mrs Jacqui Scarborough, can be assured that the quality of education and provision which is such a feature of the school will continue.

We have concluded that, with the options before us, executive headship was the best for both schools. Given the newness of this model, we also felt it was right to give ourselves the opportunity to monitor its impact and success in the course of next year and revert to other arrangements if needs be.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Bolton every blessing for her new role in September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Friel'.

Raymond Friel

Chief Executive Officer