



22nd May 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Since it was communicated that Mrs Howells will be retiring at the end of this academic year, we have been undergoing a recruitment process to find the right Headteacher to lead St Joseph's in the next part of its journey.

We are delighted to share with you the news that, following a rigorous recruitment process, the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust has appointed Dr Ewan Johnson (PhD) as the new Headteacher of St Joseph's, in association with the Local Governing Committee, with effect from 1st September 2026.

Dr Johnson joins us with a wealth of experience in education. He comes highly recommended, having worked at another of our Trust schools and is known for his unwavering focus on inclusion for every child, working closely with the community and excellence in teaching and learning standards to accelerate pupil progress.

Dr Johnson is very much looking forward to working in partnership with staff, pupils, parents, and the wider community, and to building on the strong foundations already built by Mrs Howells and the wider staff team.

Dr Johnson will begin a transition into our school over the coming weeks, for meetings with different groups, and so you may well see him – do say hello! We know you will join us in offering a warm welcome to our school family.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and for your prayers for our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Charlotte Blanch
CEO – Little Way Catholic Educational Trust

Mrs Nicola Connolly
Chair of Local Governing Committee

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