



St Francis of Assisi
CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST



Saint Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs G Napier

"We come to school to live and learn happily together by loving ourselves and each other as Jesus teaches us"

Dear Governors, Staff, and Parents,

I am writing to inform you that, after 8 years at St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Mrs Gillian Napier is retiring from her position as Headteacher at the end of the summer term 2024. Mrs Napier has decided to pursue a new chapter in her life upon retirement. Mrs Napier will continue to lead the school as usual until the end of the summer term.

Mrs Napier will be missed by all. The school has thrived under her leadership, and she has always prioritised the provision of an excellent quality of education for all pupils. We can feel proud that the pupils at St Augustine's recently achieved excellent results in their statutory tests in July 2023. Mrs Napier has achieved other significant milestones in her career at St Augustine's, leading the school through successful Ofsted (2018) and diocesan (2022) inspections as well as through its journey to become an integral part of the success in forming and establishing the flourishing St Francis Assisi Catholic Trust.

During her time at the school, Mrs Napier has led and supported a strong staff team and has ensured that the continued development of the Catholic ethos has resulted in a wonderfully vibrant, popular, faith-filled community.

Please be assured that the Governors are working with the CEO and Directors of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Trust on the recruitment process for a new Headteacher. We shall be looking for a strong Catholic leader who is able to maintain the current high standards and lead the school to even greater success in the future. I will be in touch in due course this term with an update.

On behalf of the governing body, I would like to express our appreciation to Mrs Napier for her hard work, unwavering commitment to the school, and dedicated service as a Catholic leader. In her generosity of spirit, she has been a daily example of St Francis' words, 'For it is in giving that we receive.' Mrs Napier has truly given so much to the St Augustine's school community. I'm sure we will all extend our very best wishes to Mrs Napier for a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement.

Kind regards,

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