



Executive Headteacher's Welcome Letter

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure and a deep sense of privilege that I write to you as the newly appointed Executive Headteacher of St George's Cathedral Catholic Primary School.

Having spent some time here in the summer term during Mrs Chabvuka's maternity leave, I am delighted to be joining this wonderful school community and look forward to working in partnership with pupils, families, staff, governors and the wider parish as we continue to build upon the school's many strengths and successes.

For over thirty years, I have been committed to Catholic education, serving in a variety of leadership roles across London schools. Alongside my new role at St George's Cathedral, I continue to serve as Headteacher of St James the Great RC Primary and Nursery School, Thornton Heath, where I have had the privilege of leading a thriving Catholic community dedicated to achieving excellence in both academic outcomes and personal development. Throughout my career, I have been passionate about creating schools where children are inspired to learn, grow in faith, develop strong character and achieve their full potential.

What has struck me most about St George's Cathedral Catholic Primary School is its strong Catholic ethos, welcoming atmosphere and commitment to ensuring that every child is known, valued and loved. These qualities provide an excellent foundation upon which we can continue to nurture confident, compassionate and successful children. This fills me with confidence that the staff are wholly committed to ensuring fantastic experiences and outcomes for our children.

As we begin the new academic year together, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you provide to your children and to the school. The partnership between home and school is vital in helping every child flourish. To ensure a positive start to the term, I would ask parents and carers to support us in maintaining some key routines:

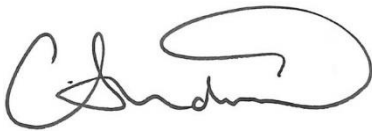
- Ensure your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.
- Arrive punctually each morning so that children are ready to begin learning from the start of the school day.
- Support our high standards by ensuring children wear the correct school uniform and arrive prepared for learning.
- Encourage regular reading at home, which remains one of the most effective ways to support children's progress and enjoyment of learning.
- Keep up to date with school communications and important announcements throughout the year. Please note we are using Instagram for showcasing news, events and excellent work, follow us on @stgcs_se1.

At St George's Cathedral Catholic Primary School, we hold high expectations for all our pupils and are committed to providing an education that enables them to excel academically, grow spiritually and contribute positively to society. Guided by our Catholic faith and Gospel values, we will continue to place children at the heart of all that we do.

I very much look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and to working together to ensure the very best outcomes for every child. Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. I am excited about the future of our school and the opportunities that lie ahead.

With every good wish for a happy and successful school year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Andrew', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Chris Andrew

Executive Headteacher

St George's Cathedral Catholic Primary School

Headteacher, St James the Great RC Primary & Nursery School, Thornton Heath

"Let all that you do be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14