



17th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

After many years of dedicated service, our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Nesbit, has tendered her resignation and will be stepping down from the role at the end of this academic year. This decision has not been made lightly, and we are deeply grateful for the commitment, vision, and faith-filled leadership they have provided over the years.

During her time in post, Mrs Nesbit has played a central role in strengthening our partnership of Catholic schools of Holy Family, St Francis Xavier and St Mary's, fostering a strong sense of community, and ensuring that our shared mission—rooted in Gospel values—remains at the heart of all we do. Her leadership has supported both staff and pupils to grow, flourish, and succeed, and her legacy will have a lasting impact across all schools within the partnership.

This represents a significant loss to our partnership. Mrs Nesbit's skills in system leadership, high-quality mentoring, and her role as an exemplary professional model have consistently been of the highest standard. Her achievements have been widely recognised by HMI, Ofsted, the Diocese of Hallam, and the Local Authority. She brings a rich pedigree in driving sustained school improvement, and her contribution has been invaluable. Under her leadership, the partnership has strengthened its collaborative approach, improved outcomes for pupils, and developed a clear and shared vision for excellence across all schools.

Over time, school leaders within the partnership have had the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills and take on increasing responsibility. As a result, we are fortunate to have Heads of School who have grown into highly skilled leaders and are now ready to lead their own schools as Headteachers.

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Ms McFadden who from 1st September will become the Headteacher of Holy Family. Ms McFadden has served as Head of School for many years and we have every confidence in her leadership, experience, and deep understanding of our school community. She has already demonstrated a strong commitment to our values and vision, and we are assured that under her guidance the school will continue to thrive and build on its many successes.

We recognise that periods of change can bring uncertainty; however, we are confident that the strong foundations established across the partnership, combined with the quality of leadership at all levels, position us well for continued success. Our shared commitment to providing the very best education for all pupils remains at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
The Governing Board