

CEO: Mr T B Tapping

21st October 2021

Dear parent/carer,

When Brendan Tapping, CEO of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust, and myself met with parents last week we said that we are absolutely committed to working with you to make St. Leonard's an outstanding school. We listened to you and reassured you that we would work collaboratively to improve the quality of education, the behaviour within the school, the way we support those children with additional needs and the quality of the learning environment. Over the last week I have really enjoyed working with the staff of St. Leonard's to start to make rapid and well thought out changes which we are determined will have a sustainable positive impact upon the quality of education for your pupils.

We are determined that the children of St. Leonard's thrive and are given every opportunity to excel academically, socially, physically and spiritually. This week, the Trust Directors of English, Maths and Special Educational Needs have spent a significant amount of time in school, working alongside leaders and staff to evolve practice and develop new systems and schemes of work. The intention is to ensure that, without delay, the pupils of St. Leonard's get a first-rate education and experience.

Since we met, I have been working hard to ensure that the children's education is not disrupted by staff absence and to improve the learning environment so that the children can work and play in a high quality, supportive and exciting space. We have secured the secondment of an experienced teacher to work in Y3, she is from a high performing local school. She is looking forward to meeting your children on the first day back after the holidays. In addition to this we are ordering new Reading books and English and Maths resources to ensure the children are stretched, challenged and supported to achieve their best in lessons. I will write to you in the first week back with a further update on this.

The children of St. Leonard's deserve to attend an outstanding school and I want you to feel proud to send your children to our school. I wish to provide reassurance that we are determined to work with you to achieve this and achieve our goal of excellence at St Leonard's. If I can support you in any way on this journey, please contact me via the office of St Leonard's.

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enquiries@bccet.org.uk 0191 607 5885 www.bccet.org.uk I know that children only get one chance at education and I am determined to ensure that your children excel. I look forward to working collaboratively, alongside other members of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and members of staff at St. Leonard's, to achieve this.

Yours Faithfully,

**Nick Conway** 

School Improvement Lead, BCCET