



Ss Alban & Stephen Catholic Schools' Federation
Board of Governors
Cecil Road, St Albans, AL1 5EG
Chair: Dr David Miveld



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Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to announce on behalf of the Governing Body that the St Alban & Stephen Catholic Schools Federation have secured the services of Clare Mc Flynn as Executive Head Teacher from the beginning of this summer term, Wednesday 24th April 2019.

The agreement obtaining the shared services of Clare between St Alban & Stephen Catholic Schools Federation and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Highgate will run for a period of up to 2 years.

The Governing Body have great confidence that Clare's experience in delivering sustained excellence in education will complement and dovetail with the skills and outstanding work of the Heads of Schools, Aisling Cannon (Infants) and Aideen Porter (Juniors) and their staff. This will be to the benefit of your children's education.

Clare and the Governors are planning to have a number of meetings with both staff and parents early in the summer term.

Further details will follow.

Best wishes

David Miveld
Chair of Governors



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It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Executive Head Teacher of Ss Alban and Stephen Infant and Junior Schools.

It is a privilege to have been appointed by the School Governors and entrusted with the job of leading these two wonderful schools after their recent federation.

I am not new to Hertfordshire schools. I was appointed to St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School in Borehamwood as a Deputy Head many years ago, and later as Head Teacher to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Waltham Cross which I led for almost 11 years. During my time at St. Joseph's the school was recognised as 'Outstanding' by both Ofsted and the Westminster Diocese for the learning opportunities offered to the children.

While in Hertfordshire I also had the opportunity to support another Catholic School and two Community Schools, acting as Head Teacher during times of transition.

I very much enjoyed my time in Hertfordshire and have continued to work closely with a number of education consultants who are part of the 'Herts for Learning' service.

I then moved to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Highgate, Islington and have been very proud to lead this Outstanding school for the past seven years. More recently I was appointed as an Executive Head by the Diocese and have been asked to support St. Aloysius Catholic Primary School in Camden as it underwent significant change.

I have been a National Leader in Education since 2009 and have previously worked as an Ofsted inspector. Both roles have enabled me to work alongside school leaders to support school improvement.

My role as Executive Head Teacher is to provide strategic leadership which secures success and continuous improvement, whilst ensuring high quality education for all the children in our care. This will involve me working closely with the two Heads of School, Miss Aisling Cannon and Mrs Aideen Porter, other school leaders and the Governing Body.

These are exciting times for Ss Alban and Stephen Infant and Junior schools. The recent federation of both schools will enable us to work very closely to ensure consistency and excellent standards for each child throughout their years in primary education, in a Christ-centred learning community.

I am determined to do my best for both schools and I will always put the children first when making decisions. I am very excited about taking up this new post after Easter and I look forward to meeting with you in the weeks ahead. My intention is to have a coffee morning early next term so we can have the chance to meet each other.

I wish you all an enjoyable and peaceful Easter break with your families.

Yours sincerely

Clare McFlynn

"Nurturing every child to grow and flourish in Christ"