

16 November 2020

Re. St Thomas' Catholic Primary, Sevenoaks

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very sorry to have to inform you that Mrs Aquilina will not be returning to St Thomas' Catholic Primary School. Sadly, after investigation and following due processes, we have had to dismiss Mrs Aquilina for gross misconduct.

Mrs Aquilina worked hard during her time at St Thomas' Primary and implemented a number of positive changes. We know she is well liked by many of you and by the children. We did not wish to take this action, but it was necessary and unavoidable. Children's safety is paramount.

Mr Wright will continue to lead the school for the time being. However, your children's education requires that we put a new permanent leader in post as quickly as we can. We are discussing this with the school's governors and will give you further information as soon as we can.

When Mr Wright took over leadership of the school, one of his main objectives was to ensure that any changes that were necessary to the school's systems and processes were acted upon promptly. This was to ensure that your children are safe and properly protected. We have very recently commissioned an independent auditor to confirm that this is the case.

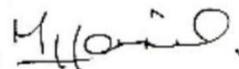
St Thomas' Primary continues to be an excellent school, meeting the needs of your children. Please continue to give the staff your support.

We acknowledge that this may be a difficult time, so please do remember everyone in your prayers.

We will write to you again as soon as we are able.



Mike Powis
Chair of the Trust Board



Mark Harris
Acting CEO