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A WARM WELCOME



I am delighted to be joining St Josephs the Worker RC Primary School as Acting Headteacher from January for two terms. It is apparent to me that St Joseph's the Worker is a greatly loved and highly regarded school with a strong community feel. I have already received a very warm welcome from the friendly children and dedicated staff and governors and I am looking forward to meeting families and the extended community in the very near future.

As an educator and a mother of two girls, I feel that in collaboration with you, my principal role is to make sure your children are safe, happy and achieving their full potential. I believe that education has the power to change lives and it is my intention to provide opportunities for children to flourish within and beyond the classroom so they may achieve the highest standards academically whilst also developing and nurturing their unique talents, creativity, interests and personalities.

I have been a Deputy Head teacher now for nine years and I have worked in three Primary Schools in Salford and Manchester over the past twenty-five years. I have been very fortunate to work in different settings and contexts.

The strong, faith driven, values and ethos visible at St Josephs the Worker are very much in keeping with my own values and aspirations for the school. The Mission of the school: **Together as God's children we will, love, learn, grow, inspire.** "Let your light shine" reflect my belief that that by working together with ambition and optimism, it is possible to provide every opportunity for the children and families to thrive and shine. I believe that all children deserve a rich and rounded education in a learning environment that is joyful, supportive and stimulating - an environment in which children can learn through a rich tapestry of learning experiences that are thoughtfully crafted to cater for different learning styles, abilities and needs. In this way, and by celebrating our God-given uniqueness, I am convinced that children are able to develop their skills and knowledge and hence develop all aspects of their being.

Over the coming terms I intend to try to live out this 'vision' for the school in partnership with all stakeholders. I would like to meet all members of the community so expect to see me in the playground or on the gates at the start or end of the day. If you have any questions, thoughts or comments I encourage you to speak to me as I am always happy to listen and I am keen to hear your ideas for the future of the school.

Finally, I would like to wish all members of St Joseph the Worker a happy and Holy Christmas period. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E Clayton". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Mrs Evelyn Clayton – Acting Headteacher