19th June 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would firstly like to thank you all for your continued support for our school during this academic year. Our school has moved from strength to strength over the past few years, creating a place to learn, grow and develop for everyone in our school community. We are so proud of all the children and all that they bring as individuals.

From the end of June 2015, we are introducing a new model of leadership within our school, which will enable us to build on our strengths and successes and also develop the future potential of St Cuthbert’s.

We are pleased that Mrs Rachel Winnery will continue to be the Head of our school. From 29th June she will be joined by Mr Daniel Copley, in his new role, as Executive Headteacher. Mr Copley is currently the Headteacher of St Francis Catholic Primary School, another school in the Bradford Catholic Schools Partnership.

Our school is currently judged to be ‘Good’ by Ofsted but we are not satisfied with this. Our goal is to become an ‘Outstanding’ school. Every one of our children and staff are entitled to believe they are part of one of the best schools in the country. The creation of an executive Headteacher role and

Mr Copley's appointment will help us achieve this.

This new model provides excellent opportunities for our staff and pupils, and is a model that has been adopted by other schools, including catholic primaries, to enormous success across the country.

What does this mean for St Cuthbert’s?

You will still see Mrs Winnery every day. She remains Head of School. She will still be your lead point of contact about any school or child issue. Mrs Winnery will still be responsible for ensuring that your child learns to their full potential and has a range of sporting and cultural opportunities outside the classroom.

Mr Copley, as Executive Headteacher will provide experience, knowledge, guidance and support for our school with Mrs Winnery. They will work together, as a team, to create the best learning conditions for our children and staff. There will be opportunities for parents to meet Mr Copley and hear how he intends to work with our school community.

This is an exciting time for us. This partnership will enable many opportunities for the children and staff to work together and forge strong links with another very good school. We will also have a stronger Leadership team in support of our determination to provide an ‘Outstanding’ education for our children.

We hope that you, our families, will welcome Mr Copley as Executive Headteacher and continue to provide the invaluable parental support that is essential for every child to be happy and achieve their best whilst at St Cuthbert's.

Yours sincerely

Clare Bussingham

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body at St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs’ Catholic Primary School