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**THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
The Catholic Diocese of Northampton  
*“Following Jesus, The Good Shepherd, in all we say and do”*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from the recent announcement, I am writing to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School. I am really looking forward to working with you all when I officially join the school in September.

Many of you will know me from my time as Head of Teaching and learning here, or as a fellow parent. If we haven't met already, I'm sure there will be many opportunities for introductions over the coming months.

Firstly, I would like to thank Jackie Robinson and the senior leadership team for all of their tireless work and dedication this academic year. The team have provided much needed stability for the school, developing the educational offer and improving standards, something which was recognised during the recent Ofsted inspection.

As a parent of pupils who attend The Good Shepherd, I believe in this school and the committed staff who work here. There is something very special about this community and I believe we are in a strong position to move the school forward and unlock its true potential.

My goal as your Headteacher is to work as hard as I can to provide the best possible opportunities for our children, to help our school to get to 'good' and beyond and to support our children to flourish. Our top priority is to serve the children and my aim is to provide a high-quality Catholic education, a shared community with Christ at the centre as well as a strong emphasis on academic excellence.

With your continued support, I believe that The Good Shepherd could become the Catholic school of choice in Northampton. A warm, welcoming and inclusive school that provides high-quality teaching and learning, supporting committed learners and a fully informed community.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Warm regards,

Carmel Dodds



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