THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely first week back, and the children have been amazing! It has been wonderful to see everyone return with such enthusiasm, positivity and readiness to learn. A particular well done goes to our super Pre-School and Reception children, who did an absolutely fantastic job during their very first fire drill this morning. They were brilliant – super learners all round!

I am also writing to share some positive news about our school leadership team and the additional capacity we are putting in place to support the continued development and improvement of our school.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Maddison will be taking on the role of Assistant Headteacher, joining Mrs Dodds, Headteacher, and Mrs Hawkins, Deputy Headteacher, as part of our senior leadership team.

This appointment will provide additional leadership capacity across the school, enabling us to further strengthen our work, support staff and ensure the best possible outcomes for all our children.

In addition, Mr Ali will be taking on an additional role alongside his teaching commitment in Year 6, where he will continue to teach for three days each week. He will also be working closely with the leadership team, providing further support and helping to drive improvements in standards and provision across the school.

These developments reflect our commitment to building a strong, collaborative leadership team with the capacity, expertise and shared ambition to move the school forward.

We are confident that these strengthened arrangements will have a positive impact on the quality of education and experiences we provide for our children. Our priority remains ensuring that every child is supported to achieve their very best.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Dodds

Headteacher