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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to inform you that, following a rigorous recruitment process, the Trustees of Abbey Multi Academy Trust, in consultation and with the support of the governing body, have appointed Mrs Gina Marsland as Headteacher for St.Chad's CE Primary School.

Mrs Marsland is a highly skilled and experienced school leader who has proven experience in securing school improvement in particular in developing curriculum from Early Years to Year Six, communication with parents and the wider community, provision for pupils with special educational needs and the promotion of the Christian vision on which our Trust, and St.Chad's, is founded. Mrs Marsland is currently Head of School at Holy Trinity CE Primary, Rothwell where she has worked tirelessly to create a culture and climate of high expectations creating a vision for education that promotes life in all its fullness for every child and adult. Mrs. Marsland will be known to some members of the school community having been Assistant Headteacher at St.Chad's a number of years ago.

We are very fortunate that Mrs Marsland is able to work with us before the new academic year begins. As such, she will be working at least one day per week at St.Chad's next half-term; she will then commence in her role as Headteacher full-time from January 2024. This will enable Mrs Marsland to work alongside the interim leaders thus ensuring that the transition into her new role is successful.

Mr Routh and Ms Collier will continue to lead the school in their roles as acting co-heads until the end of this calendar year. We are very grateful for their dedication and their commitment to ensure that the school priorities are acted upon.

I hope you will join us in welcoming Mrs Marsland to St.Chad's. She is very keen to get to know you and your children and to ensure that all children and adults can flourish.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

H. L. Pratten

Catherine A. Garrett

Mrs Helen Pratten
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