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Interim Principal Appointed

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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We are very sorry to have to tell you that Mrs Cottrill will no longer be working with us at St Thomas More which was a very sudden decision made for personal reasons. We would like to thank her for all that she has done for St Thomas More and wish her all the best for the future. The DBMAC has arranged for a highly recommended and experienced Interim Principal, Mrs Sue Tomkys, to work with the Senior Leadership Team 2.5 days a week. Mrs Tomkys was Principal at St Joseph's, Headington for twelve years and indeed began her teaching career at St Thomas More. We all look forward to working with her and welcoming her to our St Thomas More family.

We would also like to offer a special Warm Welcome to the new parents and the children that have joined St Thomas More this Academic year. We hope that you are all well, and you feel some sort of normality now that we are back in school.

For those of you that do not know us, we invite you to visit our website by clicking the following link to our [governor page on the school website](#). As Governors we are dedicated to helping the School in any way we can and have been particularly active since the beginning of lockdown.

We want to thank each one of you for following the guidelines from the School Leadership Team, without hesitation, in making sure that health and safety comes first. All decisions made have been made with the best intentions of safety for the children, parents and carers and school staff. Safety remains the number one priority for our school.

When Covid is all over, we want to look forward as a community, a community that will grow stronger from this experience. If anyone feels they need support or someone to talk to during this strange time don't hesitate to contact us. We are always here for you.

We understand how difficult this time has been for everyone and especially for our children, and for this reason a huge THANK YOU goes to them for adapting themselves to the new normal; CHILDREN you have been amazing!

We want to finish by saying a thank you too for the support you have shown to our Senior Leadership Team and the rest of the staff, this has been truly heart-warming. Let us all make Mrs Tomkys feel most welcome when she arrives on Monday 12th October.

Your Governing Body

5th October 2020