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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to inform you about a change in our nursery leadership team. Our Nursery Principal, Mrs Leann Valiquette, will return to St Mary's school, effective from 31st August 2023.

As many of you are aware, Mrs. Valiquette has worked two days a week as the Nursery Principal and three days as a teacher and leader at St. Mary's Primary School. Mrs Valiquette has decided to return to St. Mary's Primary School, teaching a reception class and taking on leadership responsibilities.

Over the years, Mrs. Valiquette and her team have played a pivotal role in fostering a nurturing and stimulating nursery environment for our young learners. Only last week, St Mary's Little Learners was judged outstanding by Ofsted. The dedication, expertise and passion that Mrs Valiquette and her team show daily, continue to have a significant impact on the development and growth of our nursery children. We extend our gratitude to Mrs Valiquette for her many contributions to the nursery communities.

Whilst we are sad to see Mrs Valiquette leave her position as Nursery Principal, we are enormously pleased to announce that Ms Cherry Boyce will be taking over the role of Little Learners on a full time basis. Ms. Boyce is a highly experienced Early Years leader and practitioner, with many years of outstanding practice in both nurseries and EYFS.

Some of you know Ms. Boyce to be the Phase Leader and reception teacher at St Saviour's; then you will also know that her warmth, her nurturing nature and her deep knowledge of Early Years Education have made many reception children thrive and flourish. Ms Boyce's passion for learning, her commitment to every child and her leadership skills makes her the ideal candidate for the role of Nursery Principal. Ms. Boyce is very much looking forward to working with her team of incredible nursery managers and practitioners. One of these team members will be Ms Jess Elliot who I am also pleased to say, will continue to work part time at both nurseries.

In September, we will contact you again to invite you to our 'Cheese and Wine' evening where you will be able to meet Ms. Boyce and her nursery team over a glass of wine.

Once again, we express our appreciation to Mrs Leann Valiquette for all her work during her time at the nurseries and we wish her every success in her new role. We are confident that Little Learners nurseries will continue to flourish under the leadership of our new Principal.



Thank you for your continued trust in our nursery and for playing such an important part in our vibrant community. Together, we continue to ensure the bright future and growth of our little learners.

Warm regards,

Elaine James (Nursery Director)