

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School

Growing Together Following Jesus

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you to introduce myself as Headteacher of St Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School. I am extremely excited about the future for your children and the school, as we work as one team to ensure that each child achieves their true potential and experiences success in their own way. Already in the short space of time that I have been in school, I am impressed by the polite and hardworking nature of the children and the commitment of all members of staff to ensure that every child has the highest quality of education in all areas.

I feel extremely lucky to take up this post as it is a unique and exciting opportunity for me, as I aim to inspire each child and member of staff to achieve their dreams and go out into the world and make a difference. My philosophy for education is based upon enjoyment, creating a dynamic and exciting curriculum for all, and building memories for children that last a lifetime. My favourite memory from primary school was visiting the Isle of Man when I was in Year 6, my fear of heights did not stop me from venturing to the top of the Laxey Wheel.

Coming from Liverpool myself, I believe it is vital to bring the history and traditions of our unique city into the classroom, so that children can make connections with their learning and the outside world. Over the past fourteen years, I have worked in four schools across the borough of Knowsley and a key strength that I have maintained across each school is my ability to forge strong relationships with the children, parents, staff and the local community. I am now looking forward to developing these strong relationships here at St Anthony of Padua.

As you are aware, St Anthony of Padua has a wealth of history based upon high academic achievement and the ability to develop children who are socially confident and ready to make a difference to the world. You only have to look at the trophy cabinet in the school entrance to see how sport and the arts are key to this amazing school; this is something I am looking forward to continuing and building on to provide our children with a well-rounded, exciting and challenging curriculum.

I look forward to getting to know your children and you as families over the coming weeks, months and years. Please rest assured that I will always put the needs of your children first and look forward to working with you to ensure they are happy and succeed in school. Please feel free to introduce yourself and say hello as you see me on the gate each morning. Using the gospel values of Jesus, I will ensure that all members of our school community continue **'Growing together following Jesus'**.

Best wishes,

Mr M A Brooks
(Headteacher)

