



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to you today with the news that Miss Norman will be moving on from St Mary's School at the end of this school year. She has been teaching now for 20 years and has decided to become a student again! She will be studying Theology at St Mellitus College in central London. Miss Norman will continue to be an active member of St Mary's Church, so will still be involved in the local community.

Miss Norman has loved being a part of St Mary's School. The children, staff, parents and governors have been so warm and welcoming and have made coming to work a very pleasurable experience. She is very proud of what we have achieved in the last few years: a really positive Ofsted inspection, awards for Music, Sport, RE, Healthy Schools and Sustainable Travel, improving results throughout the school and most of all, an inclusive and loving community that lives out its Christian values every day. She writes: "leading St Mary's School has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done, and I will always be grateful that I had this opportunity. St Mary's children are truly remarkable, in the way they care for each other and show their passion for learning. It will be very hard to say goodbye, so I hope you will let me visit you!"

The Governors of the school have already started thinking about the next steps for St Mary's, and will keep you informed as they progress. They will be sad to see Miss Norman go and appreciate very much what she has done for our school. They have tried their best to persuade Miss Norman to stay on, but they recognise that this is Miss Norman's time to do some learning of her own. They also know what a great staff team there is here at St Mary's, who are very well-placed to keep the school moving forward and take it forward. It will be exciting to see what St Mary's School achieves next!

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns. As ever, it is very important to us to hear your views and know what you are thinking and feeling. Thank you to those parents who have already given their best wishes and shown their gratitude. It is hugely appreciated.

With all best wishes,

Emily Norman  
Headteacher

Sarah Bedford  
Chair of Governors