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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of Notre Dame du Rosaire Catholic Primary School.

I moved to Guernsey in 2002, having worked for 8 years in a large primary school in South London. I worked in a number of schools across the island before coming to Notre Dame, where I spent 8 years before moving into a Deputy Headship role at Vauvert Primary. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to be able to return back here to work with a passionate team of staff, wonderful children and you, the supportive parents, building upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mr McGovern, and more recently, Mrs Cable.

I am delighted to be working alongside Mrs Cable, as Deputy Headteacher and together, with the unwavering support of the school team, we are extremely excited about the journey ahead.

I believe that school should be a happy, caring, spiritual, respectful and hardworking environment, in which all staff should utilise their skills to enable the children in their care to recognise their true potential and talents. As a Catholic community, we should endeavour to celebrate the successes of our children in all areas of school life. We can do this by showing them that we believe in them, respect them and are proud of them.

I think it is crucial to involve the children and their families as partners in their education. I am also keen on building a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. As a mother of 3 children (all educated at Notre Dame), I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school. In the near future I look forward to meeting you at parent welcome evenings that will be held in every key stage. I will also be asking for your views in aspects of the school. Watch this space!

You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school family. Please do come up and introduce yourselves outside school – I will attempt to be at the Infant or Junior gate before and after school each day. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

I look forward to watching your children grow in confidence, knowledge and spirituality during their time at Notre Dame and will thank you in advance for the support I know you will give our school community in the years to come.

Yours faithfully

Mary Robertshaw