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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you that we have a new **Link Worker** with the **Designated Schools Team** this academic year. The Designated Schools Team refers to a team of link workers within the **Early Help Services** who work with schools to ensure they have access to and knowledge of the support services available for children and families. Craig will continue the excellent support provided to our school and families previously by Liz.

My name is **Craig**, I just wanted to quickly introduce myself and my role in supporting St Catherine's Catholic Primary School and its families.

I have worked for West Sussex for 12 years, during which time I have worked as a Family Support Worker in Early Help, a referral advisor in the Integrated Front Door (IFD) and as a Family Link Worker before then. Before my time as a support worker, I worked as a qualified teacher around the county in various primary schools, mostly in the north of the county.



My current role is as link worker with the Dedicated Schools Team. We aim to support schools to support its families by providing information, advice, and guidance to schools and to parents directly. If you have any worries or concerns, you are welcome to arrange a drop in to talk these through with myself. Whether these worries are around behaviour, child wellbeing, difficulties with going to school, worries around finances or support around implementing boundaries and routines we can talk through these and offer information, advice, and guidance on where to get help and support. The aim is to ensure children and families are getting the right support at the earliest opportunity.

If you would like support from Craig and the Dedicated Schools Team, please get in touch with the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Croghan
Headteacher

