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Dear Parents and Carers

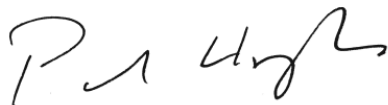
Governors of St Joseph's and the Governors of Holy Cross Primary School have been exploring the option of federating with a view to becoming a multi-academy trust. This means that the two schools who have a common Catholic ethos will effectively operate as one, with an Executive Headteacher and a strategic board of Governors overseeing the work of both schools. Many schools in Swindon, and indeed throughout the country, have successfully adopted this model of school organisation with positive advantages for pupils and staff.

As Mr McAteer, the current Headteacher of Holy Cross will be retiring at the end of the academic year, Governors of both schools have agreed to implement this new model of school organisation from September 2017. In September I will become the Executive Headteacher of both schools on the campus. Establishing this new way of working together will not change the name of either school, or the timing of the school day, admission arrangements, or term dates for either school. Governors at both schools believe that working more closely together through the multi-academy trust will help both schools to become more effective and more efficient. There is already increasing collaboration between the schools, and joint planning for the future to help both schools address the educational and financial challenges of the future.

This is the beginning of an exciting new era for both of our school communities and, with the anticipated commitment and support of all, will lead to an improved learning experience for all of the children in our care.

I will keep you updated as we progress with this development.

Yours sincerely



Paul Hughes  
Principal

