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18th December 2017.

Dear Parents and Carers

Soft-Federation with Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.

The provision of an outstanding education in a Catholic community is the top priority of Governors and Staff at St Augustine's. We have been extremely grateful to Mrs Jarvis and Miss Maat for sharing the role of Head Teacher this year – particularly as Mrs Jarvis postponed her retirement to do so – and for their leadership, which has ensured we continue to offer excellent teaching and learning.

We are now planning for the 2018/19 academic year and I am pleased to inform you that from September 2018, St Augustine's will enter a partnership with Holy Cross Catholic Primary School called a 'soft-federation'. This means that both schools share an Executive Head who is responsible for Holy Cross and St Augustine's. Each school then has its own Head of School who provides day-to-day management.

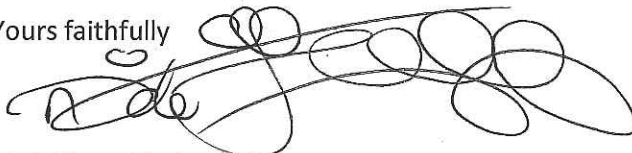
The Executive Head will be Miss Collins – the current Head Teacher of Holy Cross. She has been Head Teacher for seven years and under her leadership, the school has been rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Miss Collins has been recognised as an outstanding school leader both by the Diocese and the Director of Education at Lewisham and has undergone training for Executive Headship.

The federation has an initial period of one year and brings together two excellent schools. It creates an opportunity for both to learn from one other, share experience and create a strong Catholic community. Consequently, it will ensure we can provide an excellent education for our children in the years to come.

I have provided a 'question and answer page' to accompany this letter, which is designed to give you the relevant information that you need. In short, the main change in September is that Miss Collins will be Executive Head. The school will remain St Augustine's and we will keep our governing body, budget and identity. Our hope is that this can become a permanent arrangement and one that will benefit both schools by the sharing of learning and resources.

We have several months before the arrangement comes into place, so we have time to carefully plan and implement this new and exciting structure. The Governors and I look forward to working with you and welcome your constructive views and suggestions.

Yours faithfully



Mr O'Shea, Chair of Governors