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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will know, the governors recently held a round of interviews for the position of head teacher at St Joseph's, unfortunately the governors felt that none of the candidates were suitable. This left us with a decision about how to approach the next academic year to ensure good outcomes for your children. Mrs Barton had already indicated to us that she would not remain in post after summer term.

With this in mind I have been working closely with the Diocese and Local Authority to see who might be able to replace Mrs Barton as Interim Head. I am delighted to inform you that Dr James Lane from Francis de Sales Infant and Junior school in Tottenham has agreed to take the position of Interim Executive Head. His school has a similar history to St Joseph's and he is well placed to lead us in the next academic year.

Mr Lane and his governing body have very kindly agreed that he can join us after half term which will help with the transition into the next academic year. Mrs Barton and Mr Lane will be working together over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth transition and consistency of approach for the staff and children.

Mr Lane is a very experienced school leader. I was very privileged to visit his school and see how he has transformed the environment for the children. I am very excited to be working with him.

I am of course very sad to see Mrs Barton leave and very grateful for her contribution and hard work since January. I hope that she will stay in touch.

The children will be informed today and you will all have the opportunity to meet Mr Lane after half term.

Lisa Sturley
Chair of Governors