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Parents/Carers of Pupils
St Gabriel's RC High School

Dear Parents/Carers

Governance at St Gabriel's RC High School

I am writing to inform you that Bury Local Authority applied to the Regional Schools Commissioner for permission to require the Governing Body of St Gabriel's RC High School to be constituted as an Interim Executive Board (IEB). This request was made following the inspection findings and in line with accepted practice in these situations. It is our view that a small, focused team of board members would be the best way of providing rapid and sustained improvement that is in the interest of everyone within the school community, and in particular, its pupils.

As part of the process we wrote to Mr Coen, your Chair of Governors, and to the Diocese of Salford outlining the reasons for the decision and to consult with them. We made it clear that we would support a recently appointed member of the current governing body serving on the IEB to provide continuity and expertise.

We have received confirmation from the Regional Schools Commissioner that our application has been approved. The IEB will replace the current governing body with effect from 5:00 pm on Tuesday 25 June 2019. The IEB's function is to provide interim expertise and high-quality governance, promoting high standards of educational achievement for the pupils at St Gabriel's RC High School.

The membership of the IEB is as follows:

Ruth Szolkowska (Chair)
Karen Whitehead
Fiona Robinson
Jane Hilton
Lynsey Eaton (Current governor)

The members of the IEB have been approached based on their experience and skills and all have been approved by the Diocese of Salford. I am extremely grateful to them for agreeing to be board members as the role is a voluntary one with the IEB taking on the responsibilities of a normally constituted governing body. The IEB will write to you separately to introduce themselves.

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We have taken the decision to constitute governance in this way to support and challenge school leaders in driving forward rapid improvements and to facilitate the smooth conversion to academy status. The IEB is time-limited and will cease when either St Gabriel's is removed from Special Measures or the school becomes an academy.

I would like to place on record my gratitude to the members of the governing body for their commitment and service to the community of St Gabriel's. Their individual and collective contributions are greatly appreciated.

Your child/children are what matters the most and their welfare will be at the centre of the IEB's decision making within a Catholic context.

Yours sincerely

Karen Dolton.

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