



St. Jude's Church of England Primary School

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Dear St Jude's families,

I am pleased to let you know that the Governing Board has agreed a substantive plan for the leadership of St. Jude's from September.

As you will know from the media, the current pressures on school funding and the drop in pupil numbers throughout London mean that, increasingly, schools are working in partnership with each other to make more effective use of available resources and share professional expertise.

The partnership that we entered into with St. Saviours in October 2021 was unfortunately disrupted by the sad departure of Mr Dunford-Crozier due to ill health. Under the very capable leadership of Miss Douch as Acting Headteacher, we have continued to have close ties with St. Saviours and we were very happy when our collaboration subsequently broadened out to include Mr Andrew Rojas, headteacher of St. George's (Southwark) as a part-time consultant Headteacher supporting Finance/Strategic development since October 2022.

This collaboration across the three schools has been working very effectively so it has been agreed to formalize this arrangement from September 2023. It is intended that Miss Douch will continue to have day to day responsibility for the running of the school in the substantive role of Head of School.

Mr Rojas will have the substantive role of Headteacher across the three schools. Mr Rojas will have particular responsibility for overall strategic development and resourcing across the partnership and will be accountable to the Governing Boards for the performance of the schools. Governors are confident that this collaboration will be mutually supportive, create opportunities for sharing resources and best practice and will best secure the future of the school.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support of the school. I am sure you will join me in thanking our wonderful staff for continuing to provide the best possible opportunities for all our children and in wishing them all a restful and restorative summer break after the end of term.

Best wishes,

Geraldine O'Brien
Chair of Governors



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