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Parents/Carers of pupils,
St. Monica's RC High School

Dear Parents/ Carers

Governance at St. Monica'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. Monica's RC High School to be constituted as an Interim Executive Board (IEB). This request was made following the inspection findings, feedback from parents and, in light of the duty of governors, to facilitate conversion to academy status.

Whilst the original plan was to maintain and enhance the current governing body, it was agreed subsequently that, in line with accepted practice in these situations, having a smaller and more focused team would be the best way of providing speedy 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. Singleton, your Chair of Governors, and to the Diocese of Salford outlining the reasons for the decision and to consult with them. As a result of feedback we agreed that a current member of the governing body should be incorporated onto the IEB to provide continuity and expertise in order to accelerate the improvements required.

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 15th May 2018. The IEB's function is to provide interim expertise and high-quality governance, promoting high standards of educational achievement for the pupils at St. Monica's RC High School.

The membership of the IEB is as follows:
John Costello (Chair)
John McManus
Lynne Tommony
Catherine Parkinson (Current governor)
Steven Goodwin

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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 shortly to introduce themselves.

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. Monica'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. Monica'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



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