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Dear Parents and Carers

Update regarding the Interim Executive Board (IEB)

The Interim Executive Board (IEB) was established by the Department for Education (DfE) in January this year. The initial period granted was until September 2026. In July, both the Local Authority (Kingston) and the Diocese of Guildford agreed that the period should be extended in order to ensure continued stability of leadership. This was confirmed by the DfE as being for the full 2026-27 academic year. A further review will take place early in the summer term 2027.

Indications are that the partnership of St Mary's Primary with St Paul's Primary is going well. Both staff teams came together for two joint training days at the start of September. Later this term, there is the opportunity for each staff team to visit the other school and shadow learning. There are a number of staff who are working across both schools, even our Parent and Staff Associations (PSAs) are getting ideas from each other.

St Paul's had a successful Ofsted inspection at the end of the summer term, which was good preparation for the inspection at St Mary's that is due this academic year. If you would like to read the report it can be found at St Paul's CofE Primary School Ofsted. There is even a mention of our partnership in the leadership section.

You might want to look at the St Mary's Primary School website as we have made some minor updates to the section on the Interim Executive Board. You can also find updates to our curriculum on our new Curriculum Maps page. The maps for Autumn 2 will be available later this week. In the Parent section of the school website, you can see the minutes from our first Parent Forum meeting which celebrated what is working well for our school currently and allowed us to consider how we can work together to strengthen this further.

We will aim to provide a further update on developments after Christmas.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Interim Executive Board
St Mary's CoE Primary School

Cc Revd Nicholas Pye, Vicar of St Mary's Church, Chessington