

16th July 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: St John Baptist Church in Wales High School

I write to inform you that the Full Governing Body has recently met to consider an offer from the Diocese of Llandaff which would see St John Baptist CinW High School supported by Bishop of Llandaff High School in Cardiff through a shared model of executive leadership. The Governing Body have fully considered the implications of the request and I can confirm governors have agreed to this arrangement, which will commence from 1st September 2024 until 31st August 2025.

As part of this arrangement, Mr Marc Belli, the current headteacher of Bishop of Llandaff CinW High School will take on the responsibility for leading both The Bishop of Llandaff and St John Baptist as Executive Headteacher. His time will be divided equally across both school sites working with leaders, staff and each school's governing body. To support Mr Belli to fulfil this significant responsibility, governors at both schools have made temporary changes to the leadership structures, to introduce the post of Head of School. Mr Matthew Love, our Deputy Headteacher, has been appointed to this temporary role. This means that he will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the school and be the main point of contact with families, where they would ordinarily discuss matters with the headteacher. Whilst this is a change to normal expectations for families, it will ensure any issues and concerns are dealt with in a timely manner.

We are very grateful to Bishop of Llandaff CinW High School and the Diocese for this support, which so encapsulates the spirit of Christian love and generosity. Bishop of Llandaff School has been active in providing support to other schools across Wales. Therefore, we have full confidence that together Mr Belli and Mr Love will work hard to sustain the excellence at our school and work closely with the staff at all levels to ensure our students continue to receive the best possible education. We have every confidence that the new leadership team at our school have the experience and skills to undertake this work effectively to sustain the overall quality of education provided to our students.

I am sure you will wish the leadership team well in their efforts.

With prayers and best wishes,

Fr Matthew Gibbon
Chair of Governors

Mrs Angela Clarke
Vice Chair of Governors