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Dear Parents,

The Future Management of St Joseph's School, Burnham

As you know we have been operating on a temporary leadership arrangement since September 2016. We need to look forward to securing a strong future for our school. There is huge difficulty in recruiting good Catholic Head Teachers. By September there are likely to be twelve Catholic Schools in our Diocese without a permanent Head. Four of these might be in Somerset.

We have been working closely with the Diocese, the Bishop and his Trustee, and the Governing Body has decided that the best course of action is for us to federate with Corpus Christi School in Weston-Super-Mare. This will mean that we will appoint a permanent Executive Head Teacher to lead both schools.

To help us manage the situation, the Governors at St Joseph's School, Bridgwater have agreed to second their permanent Head Teacher. Mrs Helen Taylor will be temporary Executive Head Teacher of both Burnham and Weston until permanent arrangements are agreed.

This will make no difference to the running of our school which will continue as it is now with our Head of School, Mrs Rhonda Williams in temporary charge with a substantial role in managing teaching and learning and responsibility for day to day affairs.

There will be a new Executive Governing Body set up over both the schools which will manage strategic affairs such as finance and the major direction of policy. There is likely to be a local Governing Body for each school that will manage individual affairs.

This is a very exciting time in the journey of our school and we look forward to working closely with another Catholic School ensuring the excellent education for all the children in our care.

We can move forward into the future with every confidence.

With every good wish,

Allan Paver - Chairman of Governors

