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Headteacher Mr F O'Kane

Thursday 10th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with deep regret and sadness that I have tendered my resignation to the Chair of Governors, Father Christopher Pearson and will leave Saint Joseph's. Due to personal/family circumstances, I need to move home to be with my family in Ireland. My mother is unwell and suffers from dementia and her condition has deteriorated to the point that I need to support my family. My preference would have been to complete the academic school year but such is life and situations that arise, I must go sooner. My final day at Saint Joseph's will be Friday 25th March 2022.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time over the past three and a half years in leading Saint Joseph's and it has taught me a great many valuable lessons about life, children and relationships. The children here are wonderful and are a joy to support and be with. They are a credit to you all. I wish each and every one of your families the best in the future and wish to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your support to me and to all the staff, particularly during the difficulties we have all experienced during COVID. Your positivity, understanding and generosity in spirit has been so welcomed and gratefully received. The Saint Joseph's staff are a fantastic, dedicated team of individuals who care deeply about the children and I wish to thank them for going over and above each and every day in their roles.

I know the Governing Body will work closely with the Education Commission to ensure a smooth transition for the summer term and I know you will welcome the incoming interim headteacher and support them and the staff in moving forward.

I will be available if anyone wishes to speak with me on the gate today or at any time in the coming weeks.

With warmest wishes and grateful thanks,

Mr F O'Kane
Headteacher

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Message from the Chair of Governors

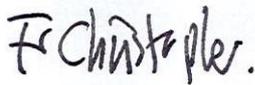
Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with sadness that the governors received the news that Mr O'Kane is leaving Saint Joseph's. He has been a wonderful headteacher and we will miss him. We are grateful for his time with us and assure him of our love and prayers for him and his family.

The Governors have been in consultation with the Education Commission and we have begun the process of appointing a new Headteacher. The process of appointment does not allow time for that to take place by the summer term. We are pleased to say however, that we have appointed an Executive Headteacher to lead the school during the summer term. He will visit the school during this term and you will have the earliest opportunity to meet him when he visits and becomes familiar with Saint Joseph's. He will take up the reigns in the last week of this term.

I am grateful to Mr O'Kane for his help and support during this process which has been invaluable during this transition. We wish him well and support him with our prayers.

If you have any question, please do get in touch.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr Christopher Pearson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F' and 'C'.

Fr Christopher Pearson
Chair of Governors