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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is my first letter to you as Chair of the Academy Council since I took up this role at the beginning of September. I have spent some time in school during this half term so far and have enjoyed getting to know the community. St Joseph's is a lovely school, as are your children.

Academy council members have been provided with updates including this year's school development plan, the quality of teaching and learning, attendance, safeguarding, and behaviour updates as well as external review reports at St Joseph's. I hope that this gives you a flavour of the Academy Council's involvement behind the scenes. Fundamentally, the role of the Academy Council is a strategic one linked to helping the school to deliver on its vision and promise to support our children to develop into happy and respectful individuals who receive a high-quality Catholic Education. This cannot be done without the full support of parents.

I wanted to make you aware that school unfortunately continues to receive daily requests through persistent email communications, freedom of information submissions and subject access requests. This high volume of communications from a small minority of parents are at risk of taking school's time and focus away from the education of our children.

Moving forward we kindly request that communications are carefully considered before submission to the school. We need your support to continue to place the children at the forefront of our work.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming diary dates in the future.

Kind Regards
Mr A Richards

Chair of the Academy Council