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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to inform you of a number of key developments within Fazakerley High School.

School was visited, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020, by Ofsted as part of their process of reviewing COVID planning within education; the information gathered throughout the visit will feed into Ofsted's national reporting so that the insights can be shared with both the Government and the education sector. Please find a copy of the report attached to this letter.

Following the announcement, in the Summer, from the Department of Education, in relation to the matching of Fazakerley High School with Dixon's Academy Trust, we have been working in partnership to secure the next stage of Fazakerley High's journey.

Dixon's Academy Trust is currently undertaking Due Diligence and we are informed this is going well. Due Diligence is the process where the Academy Trust evaluates the school, in relation to risk, along the assets for acquisition. Dixon's staff members have shared, throughout the process, that they have met with a number of Fazakerley staff and have found them to be open, honest and positive about the school and its future.

Miss Duggan was initially seconded to the role of Head Teacher whilst continuing with her role of Chief Education Officer with Liverpool City Council. To ensure security and stability of the leadership of school, whilst forging our journey from Special Measures and our way through lockdown, Miss Duggan, was appointed to the substantive role of Head Teacher in May 2020.

As we move forward, and evolve, it is inevitable that changes will take place. Transparency is the best policy and, I, as Chair of Governors, wanted to inform you, our parents and carers of a change taking place, within school, from January 2021.

Unfortunately, as we all continue our journey into the new year, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Duggan due to being successful in the appointment to the role of Executive Head Teacher/CEO of a Multi Academy Trust.

To ensure school continues to operate as smoothly as possible, Miss Duggan will be leaving Fazakerley High following a phased transition to her new position. To assist with this an interim Head Teacher will be appointed. Miss Duggan will be leaving Fazakerley High School at February half term.

Within the next few weeks the Governing Board will be working with Dixon's Academy Trust to advertise for our new Head Teacher, who will become Principal following the Academy conversion. The Governing Board feels that this will assist in ensuring that the leadership of the school continues as smoothly as possible

I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Miss Duggan for her expertise, dedication and drive to improve our school, especially in the trying times we find ourselves in.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Kilburn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr J. Kilburn  
Chair of Governors.