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**Roselands & Stafford
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Governance arrangements for Roselands and Stafford Federation

Further to the recent letter, which accompanied the Ofsted Inspection Report for Stafford Junior, from Richard Sage, Chair of Governors, I am writing to you to inform you of the changes the County Council is making to the governance of Roselands Infant School and Stafford Junior School (The Roselands and Stafford Federation).

Following consultation with the Governing Body of The Roselands and Stafford Federation the County Council applied to the Department for Education (DfE) for approval to establish an Interim Executive Board ('IEB'). The application has been approved by the DfE and they have provided written consent for the local authority to appoint an IEB at the school with immediate effect.

The IEB will provide expertise, support and capacity to develop further the leadership and management capacity and to rapidly improve pupil progress and outcomes. The IEB will take over all the roles and responsibilities of the governing body.

As a school that has received an Ofsted judgement of 'Inadequate', Stafford Junior school will receive an academy order from the DfE and will be required to join an academy trust. The IEB will work with the Regional Schools Commissioner who will identify a suitable sponsor for Stafford Junior. Following the identification of a sponsor, the IEB will undertake a full consultation with staff, parents and the wider school community on academy conversion for Roselands Infants School to join the same academy trust as both schools are within The Roselands and Stafford Federation and have joint governance arrangements. It is anticipated that the IEB will be in place until Easter 2021.

The IEB members are:

Penny Gaunt: Chair (Previously Deputy Director of Children's Services)

Clive Wormald: Schools Accountant, ESCC

Janet Bowen: Lead HR consultant, ESCC

Claire Roberts: Senior Manager, Support and Intervention (Improving Performance), ESCC

As a parent/carer you will be rightly concerned that your child receives the best possible education at both Roselands Infant School and Stafford Junior School and the Council is determined to work with you and Stafford Junior School, in particular, to ensure that this is the case. In usual circumstances a meeting for parents and carers would be arranged very soon after an IEB has been appointed so that parents and carers can meet me and other members of the IEB and to ask any questions that you have. With the current position regarding school closures and the policy of social distancing that would not be appropriate. However, a meeting will be arranged as soon as it is possible to do so. In the meantime, we will be sending out to you a presentation/briefing on what steps are being taken by the IEB and the leadership of the Federation and Stafford Junior School to secure rapid improvement in the school. The strategies that we usually adopt will, of course, need to be adjusted in response to the fact that the school is currently closed, with a reduced staff and only certain pupils in attendance. After you have received the presentation/briefing there will be an

opportunity for you to submit questions and we will respond to all of these. We will also put all the questions we receive and the answers on the Federation website under governance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny Gaunt', written in a cursive style.

Penny Gaunt
Chair of the IEB