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Dear parent/carer

I'm delighted to add my own welcome to that of your Head of School.

The formal collaboration between our infant and junior schools is now in place. The decision to stay as two separate schools within a collaboration allows us to keep the strengths and differences of our schools, whilst allowing closer links to develop more easily.

For children and parents, little immediate change will be apparent. Changes will only take place as and when we decide to, as schools might normally develop and change over time to ensure we have the most effective and efficient practice.

We will be keeping separate websites and newsletters, which will have a clear, joint section so parents with children at both schools can easily see which parts are repeated.

The main difference you will notice initially is our leadership team arrangements. As Executive Headteacher I work across both schools. (I intend to roughly alternate my days between Victoria and Thomas Coram. However, with special events and external meetings, some days will be adjusted.) Mrs Crozier, at Victoria, and Mrs Cutler, at Thomas Coram, are the Head in each school: they are responsible for much of the day-to-day running of our schools. Many parents are already familiar with Mrs Crozier and Mrs Cutler: both schools are in excellent hands. There is a shared Governing Body committee comprising four governors from each school's governing body, working across both schools, which will allow for a greater overview of our children's education from 4-11.

I'm personally very excited by the opportunities that our collaboration will bring. Our collaboration will be formally dedicated by Michael, Bishop of Hertford, in a service for both schools tomorrow (5 September 2017) at St Peter's Church at 2pm. You're welcome to join us.

I look forward to seeing your children grow in confidence, knowledge and spirituality during their time at our schools and thank you in advance for the support I know you will give all members of our school community in the years to come. We have a positive and exciting future working, growing and developing together as a whole school community in which everyone can flourish.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Halls
Executive Headteacher