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## CLOSURE OF OUR SCHOOL

I am writing to you with a sad heart, to confirm what you probably have already heard, namely Southwark Council has made the final decision in the process to close St Francesca Cabrini Catholic Primary School as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

It is of course no surprise but it still is, I am sure, an emotional time for us all, parents, children, staff, governors and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the school has been part of the community for over 100 years.

So, "thank you" to all those parents who have decided to "hang in there" until we close, but you will want to know what is next for you? Southwark, as set out in previous information for parents as part of the consultation, said that they will contact parents to determine your intentions and provide information about other schools and assist you as best they can, including liaising with Lewisham for those who reside there.

Obviously our Year 6 pupils will be transferring to secondary schools, and our children in the nursery class will be applying to their chosen new primary schools.

Can I re-assure you that between now and the end of the summer term in July 2023, thanks to the Missionary Sisters support, our dedicated staff will be here ensuring the highest possible positive educational experiences for your children, ably led by Mrs Lawton-Quin, our Headteacher.

Once again, it is sad news and will take some time to get to grips with and all of us on the governing body wish our children the very best for their future and I am sure that they will look back on their time in our school with great fondness.

Yours sincerely,

Juna Shappelli

Anna Strappelli Chair of Governors